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OUTLINES.

Between fifty and seventy-five persons, mostly women and children, were either burned to death or killed in a fire which burned the Opera House at Boyertown, Pa., where a Sunday School Benefit was in progress——The Thaw trial is now on in earnest and witnesses are being heard the murder's mother has telegraphed from her sick bed in Pittsburg that she will be on hand when wanted——In Congress yesterday the Bond Issue was the main subject discussed but nothing was done——Sir Thomas Lipton says he will make another trial for the American cup; he will be ready by September next——It was definitely settled yesterday that the Jamestown Exposition would not be reopened next season, unless some private parties come forward and purchase the property——Henry B. Gray, Lieutenant Governor of Alabama says he thinks Taft will be nominated and elected; He is a Democrat—— New York markets: Money on call was steady at 4 to 6 per cent., ruling rate was 4 1-2, closing bid 4, offered at 4; flour was dull and unchanged, corn steady; spot wheat easy; oats quiet; rosin steady; turpentine quiet at 54 1-2.

Taft may wear the badge of authority but he lacks the Union label.

That blind Senator from "out West" will have a good excuse if he votes wrong.

We suspect that we know why that Thaw juror had never heard of the case but it's not up to us to tell.

That Florida Bryan is not old enough to be eligible for the Presidency. So don't worry.

Columbus, Ohio, has the champion mean man. He robbed the Salvation Army's Christmas poor box.

Mr. Rockefeller once wrote to Tolstoy for advice as to how to spend his money. Judge Landis replied.

The United States navy now has more war on hand than it has had since the day Cervera's fleet went out of business.

If you don't know what you wan't ask a policeman but if you do it in some of those Virginia towns you will get arrested.

If we are to go by the ruling of that California court in the Schmitz and Reuf cases there is really such a thing as "legitimate graft."

Railroads all over the country are reducing the number of their trains and still comes the complaint that the man can't get his freight handled.

The Democratic candidate for President will be nominated by Democrats who have remained loyal to Democratic principles as enumerated in Democratic platforms.

The idea of a railroad corporation being required to pay all, or any part, of the expense of an extra session of the Legislature is a disgrace to North Carolina. "Oh! shame, where is thy blush?"

New York is probably trying to be like Kentucky where they try Powers every year but we venture the assertion that the Thaw business has about played out. His relatives have got too much money.

That strike against high rents in New York was probably more than justifiable. The one in Wilmington may be equally so, but it looks as though it was going to lose out for want of proper leadership.

A Cleveland man who escaped death in an accident when the train went through a weak bridge is so grateful that he is going to give $1,000 to charity when he gets back to Cleveland. Better give the money to the railroad to build a better bridge with.

The Boston Herald asks: "How do yon know the people want Mr. Bryan?" We don't think they do. They have twice rejected him. There are a few hero worshipers who may desire him, but the Democratic party ought to be able to find a man who can win.

We are promised relief from all disgusting details in the present Thaw trial and that is as it should be. The public has had enough and will be quite willing now for the issue to turn directly upon whether the homicide was insane at the time of his murderous act. There is no question that he committed a murder in all things; it will be for him to prove that he did not do it wilfully, while in the full possession of his faculties. The only question therefore is as to his state of mind at the time of his act. Holding the inquiry directly to that point the lawyers will greatly serve the public.

OAKDALE CEMETERY

Annual Meeting of Lot Owners Last Night at Office of Secretary.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

All Officers Show Condition of Company Excellent—Superintendent Reviews Year's Work and Recommends.

The annual meeting of the lot owners of the Oakdale Cemetery Company was held last night in the office of the Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Richard J. Jones, in the Odd Fellows' Building. There was a very good attendance and the several annual reports submitted showed the affairs of the company in excellent shape.

The annual election of a Board of Directors and President resulted as follows:

President—W. H. Chadbourn .

Board of Directors—Hugh, MacRae, W. H. Northrop, Owen Fennell, W. H. Yopp, Wm. E. Springer and T. O. Bunting

The Directors will meet later and fill the other offices. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer as submitted last night, shows a balance on hand January 1st, 1907, of $759.81, and receipts during the year, including return of a loan of $500, amounting to $8,768.91, which with the balance at the first of the year, makes a grand total of $9,528.72. The disbursements for the year were $9,244.30 leaving a balance of $284.42 to January 1908 account.

The assets of the company total $24,616.92, which is invested and yielding a satisfactory rate of interest as follows: City of Wilmington bonds, $1,500; Atlantic Coast Line Bonds, $1,000; C. R. L. & P. Co., Bonds, $200; fifty shares of stock in North Carolina Railroad Company, $5,000; notes from Wilmington Cotton Mills, $6,000; notes, Wilmington Homestead & Loan Association, $8,200; note Y .M. C. A. $500. In addition the company has 50 shares of stock in the Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association with payments on hand from operating expenses, makes the grand total assets, $24,616.92.

In addition to this the company has what is known as the "Perpetual Agreement Fund" suitably invested and amounting to $26,938.

The annual report of Mr. Timothy Donlan, superintendent of the cemetery and grounds, gave an interesting review of the operations for the year. The number of interments was 106, of which 90 died in Wilmington and 16 were brought here for interment. Of the number 36 were brick graves and 70 were box graves. The number of removals was 17, of which 10 were on the cemetery, five from Bellevue, one from Old Fort, N. C., and one from Fayetteville, making the total number of interments 113. During the year 15 1-4 lots were sold and 11 were put on the Perpetual Care list; 875 lots were cared for and kept clean, of which 360 are on the Perpeutl Care list and 177 are ready for sale. After giving this statistical data the report continues:

"We cleaned 425 lots last November. This number of lots are entirely neglected by their owners; their neglected appearance mars the beauty of the cemetery grounds so much that for this reason we have them cleaned once a year. It is to be hoped the owners of these lots may be induced to see the benefit of having their lots put under the Perpetual Care of Cemetery Company and by doing this their lots kill be cared for no matter where they may live, and the gratification on visiting the Cemetery on their return to find the last resting place of their loved ones kept in good order.

"Only a few days ago a party, who had been away for twelve years, visited 'Oakdale' and on reaching the Lot where his parents were buried said to a friend and myself, that he felt ashamed to see the condition of the lot. I told him I thought he had a good right to feel so. This is so often the case, 'Out of sight, out of mind.'

"This question of lot care is one that all Cemetery managements are most interested in, and I would recommend in preference to any other expenditure on the lot in which rests our loved ones, to first place them under the Perpetual Care of the Cemetery Co.

"The general improvement the past year consists of 465 days work on the Swamp on the West of the entrance. This work was stopped last November. The cost of this work to date, including lumber and tools, was $1,805. This does not include cost of land.

"I put in 300 feet of 10-inch pipe for the purpose of draining the water from Bay street, West of our land, to the run of the creek. Have also grassed most of our land South of Campbell street and North past Green street.

"It has been said that we are burying our money in the Swamp. In my opinion, it could not be buried in a better place, or for a better purpose than to add to the beauty of the entrance to beautiful Oakdale, which is considered one of the prettiest in the country. I hope to see this improvement continue. The money thus expended is for this purpose only, and

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AN AGED CITIZEN GONE

Mr. Abraham B. Cook, Gallant Confederate Soldier and Esteemed Citizen, Passed Away Sunday. Funeral With Honors.

Mr. A. B. Cook, one of Wilmington's oldest and most highly respected citizens, passed away Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock at his home, No. 106 Castle street, after an illness of several days. The news of the death was received with the deepest regret by a great many friends and acquaintances not only in this city, but elsewhere throughout the State.

Mr. Cook had been in feeble health for some months, but even those who watched so patiently at his bedside had no idea that the end was so near as he was able to be up and about the house just an hour before his death. He was a man of buoyant spirits and a strong, noble character, loved and esteemed by all who came within the circle of his acquaintance. He was by trade and occupation a contractor and builder and pursued this vocation with success until a few years ago when he became too feeble for active participation in the affairs of life. He was one of the founders and a consistent member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church all his latter life in this city and his familiar face and cordial handshake will be greatly missed by that congregation.

Abraham B. Cook was born April 23rd 1839 and was, therefore, in the 69th year of his age. When the Civil War broke out, he promptly enlisted in the Confederate service and joined Company I, 18th North Carolina Regiment. He followed Lee in Virginia, took part in all the principal engagements there, was taken prisoner at Spottslyvania Court House and was sent to the Northern prison at Elmira, N. Y., where he remained until the close of the war. He was a member of Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, U. C. V., of this city and always manifested a lively interest in its affairs.

Mr. Cook is survived besides his devoted and grief-stricken wife, by three daughters and one son, Mrs. Eva L. Carter, Miss Emma T. Cook and Mrs. S. A. Matthews, of this city, and Mr. R. E. L. Cook, of Tarboro, N. C.; also three brothers and three sisters, Mrs. Martha Howard, Mrs. Emma Wycoff and Mr. D. F. Barnes, of this city, and Mrs. Harry Foster, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. John Barnes, of Houston, Texas, and Mr. John W. Barnes, of Palmetto, Fla. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of legions of friends in Wilmington.

The funeral was held from Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. S. Crowley officiating, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the remains were laid to rest in Bellevue cemetery. The pall-bearers were from the Confederate comrades and friends of the deceased as follows: Captain James I Metts, Captain T. C. Lewis, Colonel Walker Taylor and Messrs. George W. Huggins, B. F. King and A. M. Hall. Of those named Captain Metts, Captain Lewis and Mr. Huggins served in the same company with Mr. Cook and testify to his gallantry as a soldier and his strong character as a man. Cape Fear Camp, U. C. V., attended the services in a body as a mark of respect to their deceased comrade.

BENEFIT FRIDAY NIGHT.

Patronesses for Event at Academy of Music Announced.

Evidences begin to multiply that the reformatory benefit inaugurated by Rev. R. W. Hogue and to be given at the Academy of Music Friday night is going to be one of the notable amateur and professional theatrical events of the year. The talent enlisted is a guarantee on its face of something good and the benefit promises to be very largely patronized. Tickets for the production will go on sale this morning at Plummer's, Hall's drug store, R. C. DeRossett's, C. W. Yates & Company's, J. Hicks Bunting Drug Company, Gerken Tobacco Company and the Woman's Exchange. Tickets will also be sold on the street by interested persons.

Among the patronesses of the occasion thus far announced are Mesdames J. V. Grainger, Cuthbert Martin, James Sprunt, R. W. Hogue, R. H. Pickett, Walker Taylor, Robert Strange, C. O. Byerly, A. C. Craft, H. C. Bear, S. H. Fishblate, W. M. Parsley, Jno. H. Rehder, R. H. Northrop, W. F. Robertson, W. H. Sprunt, M. S. Willard, Washington Catlett, Jos. H. Watters, Jas. S. Williams, W. G. Pulliam, C. W. Polvogt, E. K. Bryan and Miss Elizabeth Waddell.

Annual Meeting Today.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern National Bank will be held today at noon at its banking house, southwest corner of Front and Chesnut streets. The meeting will be one of much interest as the bank has had a prosperous year in spite of the stringency North.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Attention—Hibernians.
Crystal Palace—Vaudeville.
Academy of Music—Sousa's Band.
J. W. Fleet Company—Three Floors.
Carolina Insurance Co. — Annual Meeting.
St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M.—Monthly Communication.

Business Locals.

Orton Plantation—Lands Posted. . . .
. .Wanted—Bookkeeper and Salesman.

MASON'S GATHERING

Bright Outlook For 121st. Annual Sessions of Grand Lodge in North Carolina.

GRAND LECTURER IS ELECTIVE

To Succeed Late B. W. Hatcher—Three Charters are Issued—Armenian Wants to Bring Countrymen Here.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 13.—Officials and members of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons, which convenes in 121st annual session tomorrow night, are arriving on every train and there is assurance of an exceptionally large attendance. The board of custodians of work were in session several hours today going through with and correcting the secret work of the order as exemplified by the several members of the board. The board also examined two candidates for the position of Grand Lodge lecturers. Grand Lecturer B. W. Hatcher, of Albemarle, died during the year. The Assistant Grand Lecturers are F. M. Moyr, Wilson; Chas. F. Bahnson, Farmington; R. F. Edwards, Topia; J. W .Rowell, Liberty. From among these will be chosen a Grand Lecturer to succeed Mr. Hatcher and then an entirely new assistant lecturer will be chosen.

The present session of the Grand Lodge will terminate the administration of Hon. Francis D. Winston as Grand Master, he having served two terms with signal success. His retirement will occasion a general advancement of officers all down the line, most probably.

As has already been announced, the reports of the Grand Lodge officers will show exceptional growth of the fraternity along all lines, the membership having increased more than fifteen hundred, making a grand total of about 18,000. The support given by the lodges of the State to the work of erecting the Grand Lodge Temple here has also been especially good .

Three charters were issued today for corporations at North Wilkesboro, Greensboro and Washington, N. C., as follows: North Wilkesboro Drug Co., capital $25,000 authorized and $3,900 subscribed by J. L. Hemphill, W. P. Horton Gilreath .

The Auditorium Skating Rink Co., Greensboro, capital $5,000 authorized and $1,800 subscribed by D. E. Stell, R. B. White, J. R. Harris, all of High Point.

The Elm Grove Farm (Inc.) Washington, N. C., capital $10,000, authorized, and $2,000 subscribed by H. C. Bragaw, M. C. Hughes, Jr., and Colin H. Harding.

Z. George, a prominent Armenian, is here to confer with the State Department of Agriculture relative to locating a colony of his countrymen for agricultural pursuits. He desires to locate them in a group on lands leased at first with the ultimate purpose of buying outright.

The Capital City Telephone Company, which was formed some months ago to take over the exchange of the Southern Bell and the Inter-State companies here under the merger contract entered into to relieve Raleigh of the burden of three independent exchanges, opened in its own new building with entirely new outfit and exchange apparatus today.

COMING OF SOUSA'S BAND.

Musical Event of the Year on Thursday Evening—Seats.

Sousa's band at the Academy of Music Thursday night promises to be the most brilliant musical event of the season. Applications are already being received for seats from many out-of-town people, but the management announces that "home folks" will be taken care of first, regardless of the custom of other houses in reserving mail orders just as soon as the others.

"Sousa and His Band" is a term of positive and authoritative meaning; it is a trade-mark that stands for the highest artistic quality in America and in Europe. The Sousa organization remains intact in the sense that from its founding in 1892 to the present it has included the greatest of individual performers in the world, and an ensemble incomparable. With the affinity between such direction and such a body of players, the unity of purpose and action, command and compliance, is a matter of instant demonstration. Sousa will come on a special train direct from Goldsboro, where a concert will be given in the afternoon.

Mr. L. A. Emerson Dead.

The Charleston News and Courier of yesterday announced the death of Mr. L. A. Emerson, at his home in Summerville. Mr. Emerson was for 17 years with the old South Carolina and Georgia Railroad at Charleston, and assistant general freight agent of the Southern at the same place, being well known in railroad circles. Mr. Emerson leaves a widow, a daughter, Mrs. Geo. B. Reaves, of Columbia, and two sons, Mr. George A. Emerson, of Savannah, and Master Louis A. Emerson, Jr.

MR. JAMES MADDEN DEAD

Venerable and Highly Respected Citizen of Wilmington Passed Away Yesterday Morning—Funeral This Afternoon.

Friends were shocked and saddened yesterday to learn of the death of Mr. James Madden, one of Wilmington's oldest and most venerable citizens, which occurred at his home, No. 215 Red Cross street, at 12:25 o'clock yesterday morning, aged 78 years.

Mr. Madden had been in feeble health for some time and for the past eight weeks, since the death of his wife, had been confined to his room. The loss of one who had been all to him during his long life was more than he could stand and from the first it was seen that this bereavement was more than he could bear, though friends did all in their power to comfort him in his great sorrow. After attending the funeral of Mrs. Madden eight weeks ago yesterday, he took to his bed and had grown weaker and weaker from day to day until the end came.

Mr. Madden was born in Clenmell, Tipperary county, Ireland, but came to this country when quite a young man. He resided for a short time in New York but came to Wilmington and had been a resident here ever since shortly before the Civil War. Mr. Madden afforded great help to the shattered fortunes of the Confederacy during the war by the operation of a large salt industry along this coast. Soon after the war he engaged in the river steamboat business, having been continuously in this service until about seven years ago when he retired on account of failing health. For years he was agent of the Wilmington and Fayetteville line of steamers and was well known by all in the least acquainted with river traffic here.

Mr. Madden was married in 1858 to Miss Margaret McCarity and as stated, she preceded him to the grave only by a few short week. Had the two lived until next Summer they would have celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding. Their wedded life, though blessed with no children was one of singular devotion, one to the other, and in the passing away of the two, there is consolation to the friends in knowing that the meeting in the Great Beyond will be one of peace and happiness.

The funeral of Mr. Madden will be conducted at 10 o'clock this morning from St. Thomas Pro-Cathedral and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery. The Hibernian Benevolent Society of which Mr. Madden was a valued member has been called to assemble at its hall on Third street this morning at 9 o'clock for the purpose of attending the services in a body.

LOCAL PORT PARAGRAPHS

Schooner Arrives After Bad Voyage. Steamer Delayed—A Tow.

The schooner Eliza A. Scribner, Captain Dodd, arrived in port Sunday from Barren Island, N. Y., with cargo of tankage for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, having successfully weathered the severe storm of Saturday. Captain Dodd reported the gale as one of the worst he ever experienced but his vessel rode it out beautifully and reached port without damage.

The Clyde Liner Carib arrived in port last night something over 12 hours overdue on account of the storm and head winds. The vessel was docked last night and so far as could be learned she had no damage to herself or to her cargo.

The tug Alexander Jones, Captain W. A. Sanders, cleared yesterday afternoon for Lookout Bight, having closed a contract for a tow of the schooner John Paul to New York. The Paul is from Jacksonville, Fla., to New York, and has been previously reported in distress from Beaufort.

The schooner Sedgwick, 473 tons, Captain Hagarthy, is reported at Southport from Porto Rico. She is expected up in a few days to receive cargo from the Cape Fear Lumber Company.

There were no reports of disasters to shipping yesterday, but all incoming craft had very rough voyages. The storm was general in the interior and a rise of 35 feet in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville was expected yesterday.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Live Oak Camp No. 6 Installs Officers for the Term.

The following officers of Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, were installed last night by Past Consul Commander George T. Hewlett for the ensuing term:

Con. Com.—J. L. Davis.
Adv. Lieut.—T. J. Herring.
Banker—W. H. Howell.
Clerk—George C. Jackson.
Escort—George Tucker.
Watchman—A. H. Weedon.
Sentry—W. B. Bevill.
Managers—J. W. Fleet, Jno. E. wood and W. G. A. Otersen.
Camp Physicians—Drs. C. D. Bell, R. R. Bellamy, D. W. Bulluck and J. A. Dosher.

After the ceremonies incident to the installation, the camp repaired to Delmonico Cafe where an elegant collation was served and the Woodmen enjoyed a season of good fellowship. The camp is now in flourishing condition and was never of greater benefit tl its members, both old and new.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Important Matters Before Chamber of Commerce at Special Meeting Yesterday.

LEGISLATION IS ENDORSED

Fowler Currency Bill, Salaries of Army and Navy—Suggested Removal of Engineers' Office—Commercial Club.

A number of important public questions were taken up at the special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Among these was the question of stevedore charges at the port; the removal of the Frying Pan Lightship to a point without regard to an approach of the Cape Fear; the suggested removal of the United States Engineers' office from this city to Newbern; the Fowler Currency bill; the bill before Congress for a National grain inspection, another to increase the pay of army and navy officers; the propriety of organizing a commercial club in Wilmington, and a recommendation that the books of both the county and city be audited at least once a year by a certified public accountant .

These with several other minor charges served to round out an afternoon of much interest for those who were present. The attendance was not large but very representative of all business interests at the port. The meeting was called to order by President J. A. Taylor and Secretary James Kyle was at his post.

The matter of a National grain inspection, similar to the rules and regulations that obtain in the shipment of articles Inter-State under the provisions of the Pure Food Law was first taken up the president stating that it was desired to endorse the principle of a bill now before Congress, explaining why the passage of such a law would correct the abuse of dumping an inferior grade of goods into territories that are not protected by State laws. Mr. L .B. Rogers moved endorsement of the bill. the motion being seconded by Mr. E. A. Metts. Mr. G. J. Boney spoke to the question and while he was not in possession of all the information he hoped to have later, he thought it was fair to assume that the bill was a god one from the fact that it was being fought by Western shippers on the same principle that the packers so persistently opposed the Pure Food Law. A committee composed of Messrs. G. J. Boney, E. A. Metts and S. P. McNair were appointed to take the matter up with North Carolina's Senators and representatives in Congress with a request that the principle of the bill be supported.

The secretary read a petition from shipmasters who have recently entered the port of Wilmington protesting against the removal of Frying Pan Lightship from a point 22 miles from Cape Fear bar to 35 miles from the same point. It was pointed out that the lightship in its new position is no longer an aid to navigation of the Cape Fear and the commander of the Lighthouse Board is petitioned to have it placed on its old anchorage. Upon motion of Mr. Sam Bear the petition was endorsed and North Carolina Senators and Representatives were requested to bring the matter to the attention of the proper authorities in Washington, if necessary.

Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn spoke at some length of the merits of the Dick-Capron bill now pending in both houses of Congress and having for its object an increase of pay for officers of the army and navy. The bill was unanimously endorsed and North Carolina Senators and Representatives were requested to vote for it.

The effort of Representative Chas. R. Thomas, of the Third district, to have the headquarters of the United States Army Engineers for this district removed from Wilmington to Newbern on the "fallacious argument" of more central location, as the president expresed it, was next taken up. Mr. Thomas having written a letter to the Secretary of War suggesting the change and this letter having been referred to Capt. Earl I. Brown, in charge, for a recommendation as to the change. While the proposed removal is not taken seriously. Mr. Thomas came in for some rather harsh criticism for his action, it having been called to mind that some time ago at the meeting of the Inland Waterway Association in this city, Wilmington waived all personal interest in an endorsement of Mr. Small's Beaufort project with the understanding that ultimately the project would be continued on to Wilmington and further South. Reference was made to a speech in which Mr. Thomas had hailed Beaufort as the terminal of this great inland water canal. The president of the Chamber stated that he was not surprised at the action of Mr. Thomas. It was shown that the question of location of headquarters of the engineers' corps is one of magnitude rather than geographic lines; that work even in Mr. Thomas' own district would be served better with the location in Wilmington. The relative

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COTTON FACTS.

This is the title of a nice little book issued by Mr. Alfred B. Shepperson, who is probably one of the world's greatest experts on all matters pertaining to cotton .

Between the covers of this small volume are contained practically all the statistics of interest and value connected with the business of growing, marketing and milling of the South's great staple. In addition, there are a variety of special articles, some by Mr. Shepperson himself and others by other experts of international standing in the trade.

In this volume Mr. Shepperson has an article on "Cotton Futures" which gains more than ordinary interest because of the reports now being made in several State Legislatures as well as Congress to place this business under the ban of the law.

The last Arkansas Legislature passed an anti-future bill, the constitutionality of which has just been upheld in the Federal Court sitting at Little Rock. Similar bills have been or are now pending before the Legislatures of other States, and the effect of the recent decision just referred to it all too likely to hasten their pasage. There is also pending before Congress a measure much to the same effect, the author of which is Representative Burleson, of Texas.

Mr. Shepperson's treatment is exhaustive and comprehensive and his opinions, being as they are those of an expert and based upon thorough and impartial investigation and years of careful study are entitled to all consideration.

His firm conviction is that dealing in future, so long as it is carried on honestly and properly, is essential to the cotton industry in al its branches, and that to forbid it is to strike a heavy blow at that industry, a blow which would fall most heavily upon the cotton growers themselves.

Among other things he says:

"The system of dealing in 'Cotton Futures' gives manufacturers of moderate means equal advantage with those of large capital in selling their product far into the future. Without the aid of the 'Futures' system, it is very evident that the manufacturers of small and moderate capital would be at a very serious disadvantage.

"Cotton dealers are often compelled to sell specified grades of cotton with the stipulation that the delivery of some or all of it will not be made until months in thet future. By buying 'Cotton Futures' at the time of their sale of actual cotton for forward delivery, the cotton dealers can protect themselves from an advance in price occurring before the time for them to ship the cotton. As they buy the cotton to meet their sales, they sell out their purchase of 'Futures,' and if the price of spot cotton has advanced, they will be reimbursed by the profit on their transaction in 'Futures.' If 'Futures' should decline after their purchase, the loss will be made up by the greater profit they will make by the decline in spot cotton since their sale of it.

"Since the advent of the Future Delivery business the range of fluctuations in the price of spot cotton has been much narrower than before that time, and this has been of great benefit to cotton-growers, many of whom are obliged to sell their cotton in the autumn and early winter when receipts are largest and prices usually the lowest of the season.

"Should the market for cotton advance to a very remunerative price, the cotton grower can secure this good price for his crop long before its maturity, by having his cotton factor sell 'Futures' against the crop. When the crop is ready to be marketed it can be sold upon its own merits as spot cotton, and the sales of 'Futures' covered by the purchase of the quantity previously sold.

In closing hins article Mr. Shepperson says:

"Within the year there has been much hasty and, in my judgment, ill-advised legislation by some of the Southern States for the purpose of limiting or preventing the trading in 'Cotton Futures.' Nothing promotes business like free trade. The more persons who trade in and are thus interested in the value of any commodity, the more active the business, and active markets make good prices.

"The converse of this proposition is equally true, that restricted markets mean inactivity and low prices.

"Every cotton merchant of experience can recall many instances in which an active demand for 'Cotton Futures' has caused an advance in 'Spot Cotton' or checked and prevented a decline.

"It facilitates the obtaining of loans on cotton when the firm desiring to borrow money can show to the bank that sales of 'Cotton Futures' have been made against the cotton, thus insuring the price."

But this view alone is not confined to Mr. Shepperson, for President Taylor of the National Ginners' Association in a letter addressed to the Ginners and Planters of the South says:

"To those who have the real interest of the cotton grower at heart as well as to the grower himself, I would earnestly suggest a careful consideration of the possible effects of the passage of the Burleson bill, now pending before Congress. I have had twenty years' experience as a ginner, grower and buyer of cotton, and during my three years' experience as president of the National Ginners' Association, I have had great opportunities to study the present methods and the possible effects of the passing of the Burleson bill. I feel sure that if this bill becomes a law it will cost the Southern farmers millions of dollars before it could be repealed. Some years ago in Germany there was raised this same agitation by the growers of grain against speculation and all the exchanges were closed by law. The result was so costly and unsatisfactory to the producers of grain and other cereals that the Government itself asked the exchange to reorganize. This is the only instance of its being tried, but the result was so different from what was expected I think we should profit by their experience. The loss would be much greater with us, as we grow so much more than we can use at home."

Such statements as these from such sources should carry weight with Legislators.

There is no use in trying to evade the fact. The cotton growers of the South are in a more prosperous condition than they have ever been. There is a demand for their goods.

To jeopardize this prosperity by hasty legislation designed to cure an evil which, in the opinion of experts, does not exist save in the imagination and which is really a blessing, would be the height of folly. To break up the bucket-shop, to put out of business the illegal and dishonest trader is all right. This every State and every community should do, as a necessary protection to the public and as a mat ter of simple justice to the trader who conducts his business honestly and legitimately. But when it comes to preventing trading in futures altogether, that is an entirely different matter—one which, if approached at all, should be approached carefully and deliberately, in the firm determination to take no step until assured of its rightness and righteousness.

If hasty legislation were less frequent, bad legislation would be rarer than it now is.

HOBSON'S LATEST CHOICE.

Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Merrimack notoriety, is once more in the lime-light.

He seems irrepressible. If he is not doing one thing he is another, and his only desire seems to be to keep in the public eye.

But it apepars that he is not meeting with success in Congress, his most recent field of endeavor, more than he did nin trying to block the exit from Santiago harbor, or in trying to create a war with Japan.

Some days since he tried to win applause from the South by introducing a bill in Congress to pension Confederate veterans.

Of course, the very first protestants against the bounty were the old soldiers themselves, who have in their U. C. V. meetings during the past few weeks passed resolutions calling on their Congressmen to defeat the Hobson bill.

But now Hobson has a new bid for fame. He wants a daily newspaper printed that shall concern itself with the doing of Congress and the White House.

The Washington Herald calls the proposed sheet a "Court Journal" and ridicules it thus:

"We can see how a 'court journal' of a certain variety might be a very interesting and perhaps highly instructive publication; it might also be made very amusing. If it told us the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth about things as the Harriman-Roosevelt controversy, the Bellamy Storer incident, nature fakirs, undesirable citizens, Quentin's sweetheart, and 'Pete's' innate and natural-born perverseness, we can readily imagine its broad field of usefulness and endeavor. We have no sort of doubt that the circulation of such a sheet would boom 'to beat the band.' Everybody would want it, and it could easily be sold at a fancy price in case the white paper trust became so oppressive that its free circulation grew to be impracticable."

THAT GOOD OLD LIGHTHOUSE.

We have discovered the folowing choice gem in the editorial columns of the Greensboro Record and reproduce it:

"Many a ship has gone to the bottom of the sea because the pilot lost sight of the lighthouse, and what is true of the mariner may as properly be said to be true of the politician. There is a certain conservatism in the people of North Carolina, more pronounced perhaps than in any other people in this country, and this conservatism has been the lighthouse that has kept the old ship off the rocks when many others, having failed to see the lighthouse, have been wrecked. Now our governor pilot may be a good sailor to navigate the ship in a smooth sea, but if he shuld undertake to have a prohibition law enacted at the coming extra session of the Legislature, he will think the railroad commotion he got into was as a geyser, compared with the storm that will rage throughout the State.

The people may be for prohibition, or they may not, at any rate give them an opportunity to say what they want, and their representatives will not be slow to give it to them, but do not be slow to give it enof.oc,'xoor. not take advantage of an extraordinary session of the Legislature called for one purpose, to serve another.

North Carolina is not too democratic to lose sight of the people's rights, and you may rest assured the people will not be slow to resent any encroachment on their political privileges."

MOTHERS

Fathers, will you neglect a sacred Duty? You know that winter months bring colds and you know that Pneumonia is to be dreaded. Croup is dangerous. GOWAN'S PNEUMONIA CURE scatters inflammation. It cures. Then buy today and be prepared. 25c, 50c—external. All druggists.

NO SNAP-JUDGMENT.

The Whiteville Echo publishes the following in its editorial columns:

Ex-Governor Jarvis, in an interview published in his home paper, the Greenville Reflector, advocates the passage of a State Prohibition law by the legislature at its special session, should a special session be had. Such a step might be wise, but we cannot see it so. It seems to us that it would be wiser to wait until the next legislature is elected, and if that legislature is elected on a prohibition platform and go to Raleigh fresh from a campaign, instructed by the people to drive the saloons from the State, then will be time enough to act. We believe State Prohibition is coming. We believe it ought to come; but there is a right and a wrong way and a right and a wrong time to do anything. The right way to get State Prohibition is not to take snap-judgment as the people who are favorable to prohibition would resent such legislation by a special session of the present legislature.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Baltimore Sun thinks that "every day s like Sunday in Georgia now." On the contrary, it is more like Saturday—everybody is trying to find out where the other fellow got "his'n."—Chattanooga Times.

The effort to get Bryan to say what he thinks of Johnson, of Minnesota, as a presidential candidate, will fail most likely. Bryan knows there is only one man in the country fit to be the Democratic nominee, and his name is not Johnson.—Philadelphia Press.

Mr. Bryan complained the other day that whenever he made a speech "it was 16 to 1 that President Roosevelt would follow with one exactly like it." We don't see Mr. Roosevelt making any speeches like those of John A. Johnson, Judge Gray or Judson Harmon.—Chattanooga Times.

It is stated from Raleigh that enough members of the Legislature have signified their views as to the rate matter to make it certain that a large majority are in favor of the settlement on the lines mapped out by the Governor and council of State. If the Legislature authorizes this compromise, takes up no other matter of legislation, turns its back upon the monstrous proposition to tax the railroads with a part of the cost of the meeting, and adjourns, it will assuredly win the plaudits of the people.—Charlotte Observer.

TWINKLINGS.

—In Doubt—Stella—Did you have a tiff? Bella—Yes, but I don't know whether it was an understanding of a misunderstanding.—New York Sun.

—Jim—But if all the rivers run into the sea, why doesn't it overflow? Tim—'Cos it's so full of sponges, of course.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

—Ever Thus—Knicker— Children are so disappointing. Bocker—Yes. Johnny broke his indestructible toy and won't break his drum.—New York Sun.

—Sour Grapes—"The eagle on the new coin is a nuisance." "Why?" "Affords every feller that gets hold of $10 a chanst to display his wealth."—Kansas City Journal.

—Uselessness.—"You never change your mind about anything, do you?" "What's the use," rejoined the egotist. "I found years ago that I was just as liable to be wrong the second time as I was the first."—Washington Star.

—His Explanation—Nagged beyond endurance, the man in the iron mask told why he wore it. "I've been trying my new safety razor," he said. "I'll take this thing off as soon as my face heals up."—Chicago Tribune.

—A Vital Thrust.—"How do you like my new winter suit?" asked the first woman. "It looks warm and comfortable," answered the woman addressed. "Cat!" hissed the party of the first part under her breath.—Kansas City Journal.

—"Senator," said the correspondent, "you are quoted as advocating the abolition of capital punishment. How about that?" "Well" answered Senator Lotsmun, with a grin, "don't you think capital has been punished about enough?"—Chicago Tribune.

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Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$1,767,886 59
N. C. State Bonds		55,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)		450,000 00
Bank Building		25,000 00
Cash		891,114 25
		$3,189,000,84

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	227,211 61
Circulation	425,000 00
Deposits	1,936,789 23
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
	$3,189,000,84

DEPOSITS:

December 3rd, 1903, $1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, $1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, $1,936,789 23

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MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of power of sale contained in a certain mortgage made by Jeff D. Bradshaw to A. J. Johnson and duly registered in the office of the Collecter of Customs of the United States in the City of Wilmington, N. C., in Book H., page 521 of mortgages, folio 62, the undersigned will sell, to the highest bidder, at public auction, for cash, in front of the United States Post office and Court House, in the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, on Thursday, the 30th of January, 1908, at twelve o'clock M., the steamer "A. J. Johnson," her tackle, apparel and furniture, and being of the gross tonnage of 57 and 10-100 tons.

A. J. JOHNSON,
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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given of a special meeting of Stockholders in The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company to be held at 10 o'clock a. m. Monday, January 20th, for the purpose of acting upon recommendations from the Board of Directors that the Capital Stock of the Company be increased from $25,000 to $100,000, and for the transaction of such other business as may appear before the meeting.

C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

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TWO OF LESSER EVILS

Prohibition Issue is Discussed by Correspondent in Jacksonville Times Union—Some Things to be Considered Therewith.

Editor Times-Union—Great claims are being made nowadays by our prohibition friends. They are warming up affectionately to the brother in black and are straining the white nerve to show the black one the terrible consequences of being free enough to get a drink if he thinks he needs it. The fearful picture drawn by the long-haired politicians of the demon rum brings to my mind a story of a New Jersey farmer who had passed the meridian of life and had never seen a circus. He was urged by his friends to go to a traveling circus and menagerie, and when he had gone into the animal tent he looked over the collection carefully and stepped in front of the camel. He gazed at the two humps, the large joints, the cloven hoof, the neck that bent downward instead of upward, the sad looking face of the animal, the drooping under lip with other peculiarities, and still the farmer gazed. About every one passed into the circus tent, but the farmer, with his hands in his pockets, still gazed at the camel. At last with a look of disgust on his face, he shoved his hands deeper into his pockets, turned his back to the animal and exclaimed, "Hell, they ain't no such a animal."

If we will stop for a moment and ask ourselves the question what makes civilization worth the price, the answer will come to any one of intelligence the four great governments, America, England, Germany and France. Remove them, if possible, from the affairs of man and there would not be enough left to bear the name of decent civilization.

And what of these four governments; they are the great drinkers, enormous consumers, if you please, of whiskies, wines and beers. The Mohammedan by his religion is prohibited from using intoxicants. The religion of Buddha also prohibits the use of stimulants. The millions who believe in Confucius abstain from strong drink. But which of theese religions, and which of these governments are best?

Russia may be classed as civilized, but not enlightened. But even in part of the czar's domain a man may have as many wives as he may feel able to support, and in about all the other governments classed as prohibition governments by reason of religious belief there is no limit to the number of wives a man may have.

People of beliefs other than Christian outnumber the followers of James by many millions, yet the four nations referred to hold the destiny of all other people in the hollow of their hand, and are able absolutely to dictate terms of life or death to the balance of mankind. It is a historical fact worthy of careful study that only Christian states have enacted laws against the drink habit. The British parliament for hundreds of years has loaded the statutes with laws against the manufacture and sale of intoxicants, the law at one time both in England and Scotland, I believe, being so rigid as to carry the death penalty with the crime of selling intoxicants.

About 300 years ago the continent of Europe wrestled with the liquor problem as the south is wrestling with it today. The history of Christian civilization shows that the more the drink question is agitated the more the people drink, while the history of all the world's civilizations demonstrates that to magnify an evil increases the evil itself. In those countries where least is said of the drink habit, and where little or no law exists to curtail the manufacture and sale of liquors, and where drinking is the rule and not the exception we find the least drunkenness. Severity of punishment has never acted as a deterrent of crime, nor has drastic prohibitory laws in any country ever decreased the drink habit.

That drunkenness is an evil no one doubts. That it has existed since the earliest dawn of civilization no one doubts. No man, no country, no law has ever suppressed it. No man has ever lived who could stop it. No man lives today who can stop it. Prohibition will not stop it. If men must drink they will have the drink, law or no law. So the question narrows down to the open and legal sale, not only regulated by law, but the quality of the liquors sold can and will be regulated by law, or the illicit sale of the vilest of concoctions. The open and legal plan pays a handsome revenue in support of the government, while the other plan pays its revenue into the hand of the political grafter. The Lord only knows what a lot of political grafters can do for the liquor business, but what they can do for a road builder is a plenty.

As to how this question would affect Jacksonville you may figure up the revenue of the city from all sources, divide it by four, give the liquor dealers credit with paying one-fourth of the entire expenses of the city government and you will not miss it far.

When the prohibitionists ask you to sign a petition to call an election to determine whether the sale of liquor shall be legal or illegal in this community, what does he offer as an offset against the probable loss of all this revenue? He will tell you that the high side wins in the contest, very well, but what is he staking against the probable loss that comes in dropping the revenue derived from the sale of liquor?

Nothing but harmonious action, nothing but ceaseless toil, nothing but determination born of despair has caused this city to rise from the ashes that marked its destruction a few years ago, and nothing has occurred to retard the growth of the city until a combination of cheap politicians and wild-eyed fanatics conceived the idea of revolutions. To illustrate, the rebuilding of the city might be compared to the individual efforts of a single man who starts almost empty-handed and by constant toil and close econo-

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The Morning Star.

Tuesday, January 14, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 14, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Monday, January 13th.

Temperature at 8 A. M. 44 degrees; 8 P. M. 43 degrees; maximum 48 degrees; minimum 43 degrees; mean 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month 2.60.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville on Sunday at 8 A. M. 30 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Tuesday with colder in East portions; Wednesday fair, fresh West winds.

Port Calendar—Jan. 14.

Sun Rises .....7:09 A. M.
Sun Sets .....5:10 P. M.
Day's length .....9 hrs. 59 min.
High water at Southport 5:11 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 7:42 A. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. C. H. Polley, of Hallsboro, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

—Rev. J. A. Smith is expected in Red Springs, N. C., tonight where he will deliver his famous lecture on the bombardment of Fort Fisher.

—Mrs. Frederick Poisson,of London, England, who has been spending a part of the Winter in Wilmington, left Sunday evening for New York.

—Mr. and Mrs. William B. Walker and children arrived in the city yesterday from Newbern and will spend some time in the city with friends and relatives before returning to China where Mr. Walker is with Mr. John W. Bolles in charge of the Standard Oil Company interests in the Empire.

WORK AT BLEWETT FALLS.

Operations Resumed Partially at Least Near Rockingham.

Hamlet, Jan. 12.—After a suspension of several weeks caused by the failure of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, which was furnishing the capital, the work at Blewett Falls has been resumed. The force of hands is not as large as it was before, but it is understood that there is something like a hundred and fifty men at work now and that the force will be gradually increased until the full force is at work. This is good news to this section, as it means several hundred dollars a week to be distributed in the nearby towns.

AT THE CRYSTAL.

Lightning Change Artist Valuable Acquisition to the Bill.

John Beaugere, lightning change artist and impersonator, the latest addition to the bill at the Crystal Palace, was seen to fine advantage last night at this popular place of amusement. His act is truly a marvel and the quick changes beggar all description—need to be seen to be appreciated .

The week opened at the Crystal last night with an entire change of programme. Fowler, the Juggler, was seen in some new stunts; Cooper & Abbott gave a perfect melange of music and foolishness, and Harney and Haynes were great in coon songs and dances. The theatre continues to draw the crowds.

A. G. Ricaud, Esq., to Locate Here.

It will be pleasant news for many friends in this city to know that former Mayor A. G. Ricaud has decided to return to Wilmington and locate here for the practice of his profession, after a most successful career in New York. Mr. Ricaud spent the past week or ten days in the city but will return to New York to settle his affairs, coming to Wilmington with his wife in about a month. Wilmington will be delighted to welcome her former distinguished Mayor back to the South.

IT IS ALL OFF.

Jamestown Exposition Will Not Open Up Again Next Summer.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 13.—That there will be no official re-opening of the Jamestown Exposition next summer was determined today by the reply of Chairman George F. Adams of the exposition re-opening committee to a communication on this subject sent him last week by Alvah H. Martin, chairman of the receivers for the exposition company.

The only chance left for re-opening would be the purchase of the property for this purpose by private interests. The exposition receivers will tomorrow file with the court their first report.

The Powhatan guard on the grounds was today reduced to twenty-five men. An efficient fire department is still being maintained for the protection of the State and other buildings.

ALABAMA FOR TAFT

That's What Lieut. Gov. Henry B. Gray Says but He's a Democrat.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Columbus, O., Jan. 13.—"The Republicans of Alabama have but one candidate for President and that is William H. Taft," said Henry B. Gray, Democratic Lieutenant Governor of Alabama who passed through Columbus today. He said:

"The South is for Bryan for the Democratic nominee and I believe he will be the choice of the convention.

"If he is, the Republicans have but one man who can beat him and that is Taft.

"Taft appears to be popular not only throughout the South but in the other parts of the country I have visited. I feel, though I am a Democrat, that if he is nominated he will be surely elected and further, I regard his nominations as assured."

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LOCAL DOTS.

—The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associated Charities will be held at the office of the Association this morning at 11 o'clock.

—Justice George Harriss yesterday tried the four negroes arrested a few days ago for breaking into the store of one John Nichols, colored, in East Wilmington. Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Esq., appeared for the prosecution and L. Clayton Grant, Esq., for the defendants. The evidence was insufficient and the negroes were discharged.

—Mr. W. H. Rowe, a government inspector of buildings, spent yesterday in the city and was a visitor at the Custom House. Of course, these building inspectors entertain very decided opinions about the need of proper government buildings here, but they see the impropriety of talking about such matters until they are before the department for an official opinion.

—Chicken thieves have been quite busy in the city for some time. The game is to raid henneries in town, take them to the woods, dress them and return them for sale on the market in the early hours of the morning, identification being impossible after they are picked. Constable Savage was notified yesterday and went out in East Wilmington where 16 fine fowls had been found in a tow sack with their necks wrung. The thief evidently was frightened off while preparing them for the market in the woods.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET

State Firemen's Tournament Will be Decided Upon Tonight.

In connection with an address which he will deliver tonight to the Association of Winston-Salem Firemen in Winston, N. C., President James D. McNeill, of the State Association, has issued a call for a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held at the same time and place at which the location of the next State tournament and meeting will be decided upon. Secretary and Treasurer W. C. VonGlahn and Statistician W. P. Monroe, of this city, will likely attend the meeting, being members ex-officio of the Executive Committee. The rally of Winston-Salem firemen will be a notable one and will be held in the Court House. President McNeill will speak on "The Volunteer Firemen," being introduced by Mayor F. H. Vogler . Music will be furnished by the Salem Band.

There will likely be three bidders for the next tournament, Salisbury, Greensboro and Asheville. As the tournament was held at Asheville year before last and as Salisbury is more anxious for the big meeting, it is likely that the latter place will be selected as the place of meeting.

CROSSES OF HONOR

Those to be Bestowed on Veterans on Lee's Birthday.

The following veterans who are entitled to Crosses of Honor, original and duplicate, are asked by the Daughters of the Confederacy to please be present at the exercises on next Monday in the Academy of Music at which time the Crosses will be bestowed:

Original Crosses—S. R. Ward, Company R, 16th Virginia Volunteers; R. J. Sykes, Private Company H, Third North Carolina Infantry; C. W. Bishop, Private 10th Regiment, Light Artillery.

Duplicate Crosses—J. A. King, Company A, Third North Carolina Cavalry; O. A. Wiggins, Company G, Third North Carolina Cavalry.

Veterans, Daughters of Confederacy, W. L. I., Naval Reserves, Boys Brigade, Senior and Junior, are invited to be present and participate in the exercises and to assemble at the Wilmington Light Infantry armory at 3 o'clock.

MRS. SUSAN M. DIXON DEAD.

Good Woman Entered Into Rest Yesterday on the Sound.

Relatives and many friends in this city were shocked and saddened yesterday at the news of the death of Mrs. Susan M. Dixon, beloved wife of Mr. J. W. Dixon and a woman held in the highest esteem by all in the circle of her acquaintance. She passed away at 11:45 o'clock yesterday morning at the family home on Myrtle Grove Sound, aged 68 years. She had been in poor health for 18 months or more, and while the death was not unexpected it came as a sad blow to the family and friends. Mrs. Dixon is survived by her husband and three children, Mrs. Ed Craig, Mrs. John W. Capps and Mr. Frank Dixon. All of the sorrowing ones have the tenderest sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

The funeral of Mrs. Dixon will be conducted at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence on the Sound and the interment will be in the burying ground there.

U. S. POMOLOGIST HERE.

Representative of Department of Agriculture in the City.

Mr. George C. Husmann, pomologist in charge of the viticultural investigation of the United States Department of Agriculture, and Scientific Assistant E. F. Cole spent the day in the city yesterday looking over the winery of Messrs. Sol Bear & Co., of Wilmington. These gentlemen were much interested in the large plant of Messrs. Bear & Company in this city and continued their journey to the State test farm at Willard, N. C. They are traveling through the country instructing the farmers and vineyard owners in the best methods of grape culture and the like. Their work is an important one for this section and they will do much to give impetus to grape growing in this famous section of the East.

Police Court Yesterday.

Although there were a dozen cases before the Mayor yesterday at noon, none of them was of special importance. Chas. Sutton, colored, charged with the larceny of lumber from the yards of the Cape Fear mill, was bound to the higher court. John Nolen, for an assault, was given 25 days on the roads and judgment was suspended in a case against him for being drunk and disorderly.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(Continued from first page.)

importance of the work was brought out in the continuing contracts for both the upper and lower Cape Fear river, the splendid fort at the mouth of the Cape Fear, etc., while the work of the waterway was rather a finality and can be handled quite as well through Wilmington as through Newbern, the point of activity being not Newbern but Beaufort anyway. Upon motion of Mr. Sam Bear, the president, Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn and Mr. H. G. Smallbones were appointed a committee to take the matter in hand and if necessary, call the matter to the attention of other North Carolina Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Mr. Chadbourn stated that Wilmington was now prepared to present her claim for a continuation of the survey of the inland water route from Beaufort to this city and thence further South and that a bill had been drawn and forwarded to Mr. Godwin for immediate introduction. It is understood that the Chamber and Water Way Association will press this matter at the present session of Congress.

The question of stevedore rates came up on the reading of a communication from Lattenburg, Tholman & Company, of New York, to President Taylor. The New York firm has just completed a large contract with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company for Spanish pyrites, the last vessel, the steamer Thimbleby, now being discharged here, and the communication states that on account of the high stevedore charges to this port, shipments in the future will have to be sent elsewhere. It is pointed out in the letter that on November 1906 the rate was advanced from 20 to 35 cents per ton, it being stated at the time that this was due to labor conditions. These conditions have been relieved now, it is stated, and the importers do not see why the rate should not be reduced by the contractors. The rate at Baltimore was quoted at 18 cents per ton, Charleston 20 cents; Savannah 25 cents, and Pensacola 20 cents.

Mr. Jas. S. Williams, one of the contracting stevedores at the port, were different as to the unloading of setting forth that the conditions here were different as to the unloading of vessels; that whereas the 35 cent rate quoted for Wilmington includes hoisting charges of ten cents per ton, this is given free at other ports and is not included in the figures quoted by the New York house. It was further stated that the vessel really pays 40 cents per ton for this work and any residue goes to the importer; herein lay the trouble, the rebates were not large enough. After some further discussion, on motion of Mr. L. B. Rogers, the secretary was instructed to correspond with other ports, secure all the information possible and report at a future meeting of the Chamber.

The President also took up the matter of towage charges from Wilmington to the Navassa and Almont factories. It was explained that the company's own tug boat performed this service and that the charge was perhaps satisfactory. No action was taken at any rate.

Without any reflection upon the Board of Aldermen or Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Rogers suggested the propriety of an annual audit of the books of the county and city by an expert accountant. He explained that many business houses now secure an expert for such work annually or more often and that it would be a matter of satisfaction to the city and county officials themselves to have this work done. The Chamber endorsed the idea and the matter will be called to the attention of the respective boards.

Mr. Sam Bear suggested the idea of the organization of a commercial club in Wilmington, carrying out the social as well as the business feature. It could be made a valuable medium of exchange of information among business men and would promote a better feeling among merchants. He suggested that the upper rooms of the present quarters could be suitably fitted up as a club apartments and it could be operated in connection with the Chamber. All present thought the idea a good one and this will be taken up later.

President Taylor spoke of the Fowler Currency Bill and of its commendable features. The bill was endorsed and Representatives in Congress were requested to vote for same, if they can do so consistently.

An amendment was offered to the by-laws by Mr. Rogers, providing a fine of $1 upon all members who fail to attend meetings after having been properly notified and without valid excuse. The amendment will lay on the table as required for thirty days and will come up for passage as soon after that date as possible .

The meeting adjourned subject to call of the chairman.

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DIED.

MADDEN—On the thirteenth day of January, 1908, at 12:25 A. M., JAMES MADDEN, age 78 years.

Funeral from St. Thomas' Pro-Cathedral Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment in Oakdale cemetery.

DIED.

DIXON—At the family home on Myrtle Grove Sound, Monday, January 13th, 1908, at 11:45 A. M., MRS. SUSAN M. DIXON, age 68 years.

Funeral this (Tuesday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from late residence; interment in family burying ground. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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Get Wise---Read Star Business Locals

SEVENTY-FIVE ARE DEAD

Entire Families are Wiped Out in an Opera House Fire Where a Big Sunday School Benefit Was Being Held Yesterday.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 13.—Between fifty and seventy-five persons were burned to death tonight in a fire which completely destroyed Rhodes Opera House in this place.

The opera house was crowded with the members of St. John's Lutheran Sunday School, who were attending a benefit given for that church.

While the show was in progress a tank exploded. The actors endeavored to quiet the audience but in their anxiety to make themselves heard and to avoid the awful stampede of the women and children the coal oil lamps which were used at the foot lights were overturned, setting the place on fire. The flames fed by the oil shot almost to the ceiling and there was a wild rush of the seven hundred persons to escape from the burning building.

Scores of women and children were trampled under foot and several who escaped being burned to death died after being dragged from the opera house.

In many cases, it is said entire families have been wiped out.

The scene which followed the explosion is indescribable. Scores of persons who were in the balcony at the time the explosion occurred jumped from the windows and sustained fractured limbs and skulls.

To add to the terrible disaster the fire appartus became disabled and the structure was left entirely to the mercy of the serething flames. It is almost certain that not a vestige of the bodies of the unfortunates who were overcome by the smoke and persished will ever be found. Assistance was asked from Bottstown but before the fire appartus reached this city the entire structure was a roaring furnace.

Had the women and children heeded the warning of the cooler heads in the audience the horrible loss of life might have been alvoided but there was the usual panic and stampede which invariably follows in such a case. The flames spread rapidly and communicated to the other parts of the theatre. Men, women and children rushed for the many exits and the weaker sex and the children were trampled and maimed in the mad rush to gain the street.

Assistance was at once asked of both Reading and Pottstown and special trains carrying nurses and doctors were rushed to the scene of the disaster.

Every home within a radius of half a dozen blocks of the opera house was made a temporary hospital, where the wounded were rushed by carriages and other means of conveyance.

Boyertown is a borough with a population of about 2,500 and is located about midway between Pottstown and Reading.

The fire is not yet under control, but it is not thought that it will be communicated to other property as the opera house is on a plot of ground by itself.

Hundreds of persons surrounded the burning structure apparently unconscious of the pending danger from falling walls. Many parents who had children in the opera house are pacing to and fro almost maddened by the awful sight.

The night was one of wailing and anguish. The shrieks of mothers who had rushed to the scene as soon as they learned of the fire was pitiful.

As the night wore on the crowds surrounding the building grew to such proportions that it was almost impossible for the police force which had been augmented by a score of men from Pottstown and Reading to keep the people back. One woman who said she had lost her entire family in the theatre was with difficulty restrained from throwing herself into the flames. At 1 o'clock a special train from Reading bearing physicians and nurses reached here, but there was little for them to do as the injured who had dashed themselves to the pavement had been cared for.

A few minutes after midnight the rear wall of the theatre collapsed. The flames broke out anew and those who had hoped to be able to find the remains of some of their loved ones, turned in despair from the scene.

It is estimated that at least seventy-five persons were injured by being trampled upon either on the stairway or by jumping from the windows. Of this number at least a score were fatally injured, at least a half dozen succumbed to their injuries after being hurried to one of the temporary hospitals. Three children ranging in ages from eight to twelve years and one woman, who were dragged from the building by physicians who had rushed to the rescue, had been trampled almost to a pulp, the skull of one of the unfortunate children had been crushed as though an egg shell.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over 60 years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other.

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—Winston-Salem, Jan. 12.—In conversation last night with Chief F. C. Meinung, of the Salem fire department, it was learned that Salem's fire record for 1907 was the best of any town in the State. The firemen responded for five calls during the year and no property losses at all were reported. This means that the fire losses in Salem last year was practically nothing.

OAKDALE CEMETERY

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the lot owners have a right to these general improvements.

"Have also put down one new pump and this makes twenty-four on the grounds, sixteen iron hitching posts.

"A word about trees. Our cemetery is named after the beautiful Oak, and of all the beautiful Cemeteries in the Country, ours stands alone in being the possessor of so many species of fine trees and shrubs, and whilst all may not admire the beauty in trees and shrubs, yet remove them and you have a bleak and naked sand hill.

"My reason for speaking of trees in my report is that some seem to think they have a right to remove a fine tree, because its roots or shade is not just what they want. Our Board of Directors have the right to order a tree removed, when they see fit, and it is well that this right is vested in them, as not one would want the duty placed on him. One person may want a fine tree cut down, another wants one planted, so as to shade the lot certain hours of the day.

"I have been asked to embody in this report a few words in regard to the Cemetery Company having their own green house. Some of the larger cemeteries have greenhouses for the sole purpose of beautifying the lots and furnishing cut flowers, others have dropped them, Greenwood for instance. All who know me know that I love flowers and anythng that will add to the beauty of Oakdale will have my hearty endorsement. We have roses in bloom in December out of doors and at this writing have several Camelia Japonica in full bloom. I may be asked what would be the cost of a greenhouse and in answer would say any amount you choose to put in it.

"Now a word about the live animals in the cemetery. Some think the squirrels are beautiful, whilst others want them exterminated or removed to other quarters. What are we to do? Some time ago it was the rabbits, and I do not know how soon some one will complain of the partridges and the mocking birds. I, as a lot owner, only have one vote, and that vote will always be cast to make 'God's Acre' as attractive to the living and as beautiful as possible for the dead, and were it not for the birds and the squirrels I would spend many lonely moments, for to me they are a part of Beautiful Oakdale.

"Another matter I would ask your attention to, is to get the city authorities to open Twelfth street from Market to Miller street, within one-half block of our entrance. Since the city cars run out Princess street it would only be a short walk, and they might possibly run the cars to our entrance, this is the case in most all cities I have visited.

"I would also recommend the purchase of durable markers for some 700 graves on the Public Ground, so they may be more easily kept sight of. Of course I have no trouble to locate each one, but in my absence it would not be so easy to do so."

WARM WIRELETS.

Six hundred thousand pounds of white Burley tobacco was sold on the floor of the Loose Leaf warehouses at Lexington, Ky., yesterday. This breaks all records. Wagons have been coming in from all over the tobacco district.

Mrs. Catherine Martin, who was shot by her husband, Alfred Martin, in their apartments in a Brooklyn, N. Y. hotel last Saturday, died yesterday. Martin died Saturday from a self-inflicted bullet wound. The double tragedy is said to have resulted from a suit for separation begun by the wife. Mrs. Martin was a native of Charlottesville, Va.

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A New Back for an Old One—How it Is Done in Wilmington.

The back aches at times with a dull, indescribable feeling, making you weary and restless; piercing pains shoot across the region of the kidneys, and again the loins are so lame to stoop is agony. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back in this condition. You cannot reach the cause. Exchange the bad back for a new and stronger one. Follow the example of this Wilmington citizen.

R. F. Rowan, clerk with L. W. Davis' Clothing house, residing on Castle street, between Sixth and Seventh, Wilmington, N. C., says: "I strained myself lifting a heavy box, and suffered great pain across my back for a long time. I used plasters and liniments, but they did me no good. I could hardly stand up straight, my back was so weak. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised in our newspapers I went to Bellamy's drug store and got a box. I felt better the next day and continued using them according to directions and my back regained its old strength. I was simply surprised at the result. I will gladly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills every time for backache."

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TWO OF LESSER EVILS

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my saves sufficient means to purchase four horses. With the labor of these four horses he is able to support in comfort his wife and children. But a stranger comes into the community and admires one of the horses, and sets about to persuade the owner that he can make out with three and winds up with the proposition to throw dice for one of the horses and pleads eloquently with the owner that he should not be required to put up anything of value to offset the value of the horse. The owner of the four horses under these circumstances who would take one out of the harness and shake the bones for the ownership just to satisfy the fellow who put up nothing against it would be no more unreasonable than the fellow who signs a petition to call an election to shake the political bones in a contest where nothing is put up as an offset against one-fourth of the city's revenue paid by the liquor industry.

But alcohol is not a food, says one gentleman who quotes Prof. Limberlock, the long-haired scientist, to prove his assertion. Well, tobacco is not a food, neither are diamonds, neither is silk, neither are hats that are decorated with $50 ostrich feathers, but people will have them just the same.

A long time ago when I was a boy I was told that gambling was an evil, that drunkenness was an evil, that the tobacco habit was an evil and the dope habit an evil, I believed it then, I believe it now. I have never tried any of them to find out for myself, but I am reasonably sure I could have found them all if I had only hunted for them.

And lest we get too good and imagine that we are superior to the Almighty Himself, let us in the name of reason try not to remove all the temptations of life, but remember at the very beginning God said to His children in Eden:

Of every tree of the garden thou mayest east; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shall surely die.

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Trains Leave Wilmington as Follows

		No. 45	No. 39
Lv.	Wilm't'n..	4:50 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
Ar	Lumb't'n..	7:26 A. M.	6:55 P. M.
Ar	Maxton....	8:18 A. M.	7:49 P. M.
Ar	Hamlet....	9:15 A. M.	8:50 P. M.
Lv	Hamlet....	9:45 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar	Monroe....	11:40 A. M.	12:20 A. M.
Ar	Ch'lotte....	12:35 P. M.	12:35 A. M.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

Goldsboro, Jan. 12.—The trucking season has now opened up. The truckers are actively engaged in making ready for their spring crop of peas, as is evidenced by the many farmers in the city yesterday purchasing farm implements.

—Winston-Salem, Jan. 12.—Mr. W. L. Smith, who has been manager of the Journal since the resignation of Mr. Pay B. Diehl, has tendered his resignation, which was effective yesterday. Mr. Smith is a newspaper man of broad experience and during his stay in this city has made many warm friends, who regret that he is to leave here.

—Goldsboro, Jan. 12.—Mr. Outlaw, the man so murderously assaulted by the stranger Hughey out at the public works, a day or two ago, is not expected to live. The physicians say an operation is necessary, in that his intestines have been cut in places. R. C. Jenkins, the engineer who was so badly scalded in the Smithfield wreck, January 1st, is gradually improving, much to the joy of his many friends.

—Hertford, Jan. 12.—The first man here to go down under the financial strain is Mr. John Chalk, who runs a small meat market and grocery store near the Norfolk and Southern depot. He was unable to meet maturing obligations and, on a judgment secured by the Four Company, of Norfolk, Va., his largest creditor, his business has been closed by the sheriff. Mr. Chalk is a good citizen of the town, always upright and honorable, and there is general regret at his misfortune.

—Winston-Salem, Jan. 12.—Mr. H. S. Tyler, of Atlanta, Ga., chief architect for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, was in the city yesterday making arrangements preparatory to the beginning of the construction work of the company's handsome new telephone exchange building, which will be erected on Liberty street. Mr. Tyler says that work would begin on the building within the next ten days and that it would be completed in about five months. The building will be a credit to the city. Pressed brick will be used throughout and the building will be modern in every respect. Mr. Tyler stated that orders for practically all of the material to be used in the construction of the building has been ordered, some of which will arrive within the next few days. With good weather the building will be completed in less time than five months.

—Salisbury, Jan. 12.—About 8 A. M. this morning the dead body of Mr. William H. Harri on was found on the Southern Railway tracks by Mr. Hamp Winecoff just south of the Brown Furniture Factory about a mile from the Salisbury depot. Mr. Harrison's skull was crushed in, and it is supposed he was truck by a northbound train, presumably No. 8. The deceased was seen about 1 A. M. at Chesnut Hill, going towards his home, but it is not known how he got on the railroad. Mr. Harrison was about 50 years old and leaves a widow and several children. He married Miss Broadfield, sister of Mrs. T. H. Vanderford, Sr., and was the last surviving child of Mr. Samuel Harrison, one of Rowan's most prominent and wealthy citizens in ante-bellum days. Dr. Dorsett, the county coroner, held an inquest this morning at the residence of Mr. W. A. Brandon and the jury returned a verdict that deceased came to his death by being struck by a moving train.

Stanley, Jan. 12.—This little town was given quite a shock when today about 11 o'clock a negro man reported the suicide of one of his race in the northern part of town. Saturday after New Year's the suicide, Hugh Ransom, had an altercation with his wife and left his home, starting to Oklahoma. Last Friday he returned here and immediately went to Carpenter's drug store and wanted to buy strychnine, but was refused the drug by Mr. Carl Carpenter. He proceeded up the street and entered the store of E. W. Bost and wanted "rough on rats," but was again refused a position. He handed Mr. Bost his earthly possessions, consisting of a bag of clothes, $10 and an unused portion of a ticket to Oklahoma. Since Friday afternoon nothing was heard of him, though parties have been searching, until this morning when his father-in-law, assisted by friends, began another search and to their surprise they found him dangling from a limb, suspended by a grape vine. He was a very disagreeable negro to all of his race. Instead of the usual mourning, there is a feeling of relief that he is dead. Why he returned to Stanley to kill himself is a mystery. The find has been viewed by hundreds of whites and blacks. The coroner's inquest over the remains of Ransom was held in the mayor's office at 5 o'clock. The jury decided that the deceased committed suicide by hanging himself with a grape vine.

—Salisbury, Jan. 12.—Dr. W. L. Crump was the victim of an accident last night which might have been very serious in its results, but the popular physician escaped with a dislocated shoulder. It appears that Dr. Crump was paying a professional visit at Franklin and hitched his horse in the barn of the house he was visiting When he had finished his duties he prepared to return home, but in the darkness failed to notice that his mare had not the bit between her teeth. On starting off she took fright and bolted against a gate post, throwing Dr. Crump out of his buggy. The injured gentleman was brought to the home of the Lutheran clergy in Franklin, quite close to the scene. Dr. J. E. Stokes, of Salisbury, was telephoned for and he, with Mr. M. E. Harper, started at once for Franklin. On arriving Dr. Stokes soon reduced the location of the member and Dr. Crump was brought back to his home, where he is resting comfortably today.

A Pool In Matrimony.

[Original.]

"My dear marquis, we can't all marry this splendid fortune, with an American girl for an incumbrance, and none of us has the means to court her properly. You, having her acquaintance and being the son of a duke, have the best chance. Now, I propose that we make up a pool to be yours for the purposes of courtship and to be returned to us with, say, 100 per cent interest after marriage."

The arrival of Molly Flick, the daughter of the head of the firm of Flick & Co., one of the largest American meat concerns, was known twelve hours after it occurred to every impecunious noble fortune hunter in Paris. The remarks quoted were the result of a dispute between several of them as to who should have a free field to win the prize. The proposition was accepted by the Marquis of Courtemache and the rest of the company. Not more than 1,200 francs could be raised by the subscription, but this was handed over to the marquis, who called that very evening on Miss Flick and began to lay siege to her heart.

"How do, marquis?" she exclaimed. "Awful glad to see you!"

"I came, mademoiselle, to ask your mother and yourself to go with me to the opera."

"Mother! Goody gracious, marquis! Do you suppose I have my mother traipsing around after me? No, sir! I'll go to the opera with you, but no mother for me."

"But, mademoiselle, in Paris that would occasion remark."

"Oh, that's it! Very well, we'll take mother. Will you go, mammy?"

"I suppose I'll have to."

The young man proceeded methodically. During this his first call he told Miss Molly of his ancient lineage, winding up with a decription of the chateau of the Courtemaches, built several centuries ago and now a ruin. Then, heaving a deep sigh, he said he would love to repair and live in it. Miss Molly listened attentively and asked what it would cost. The marquis replied that it would require 5,000,000 francs, or a million of dollars, whereupon the girl remarked that if that was all she wondered why he didn't make them at once.

The marquis after his visit met his friends at the club and reported progress. For a month he devoted himself to the heiress. He not only accompanied her on her sightseeing tours to Versailles, Fontainebleau, Sevres and other curious points in the environs of Paris, but secured for her and her mother invitations to the best houses in Paris.

But at the end of the month Gaston one morning awoke to find in his vest pocket but a single napoleon of the money furnished him. It was necessary that he bring matters to a head. Half the napoleon he spent for candy and the other half for flowers. These he sent Miss Flick during the day. It occurred to him to save a few francs for a breakfast the morning after his proposal, but if he succeeded in winning the heiress he could make a further loan from his friends, and he was sure of winning.

About 9 o'clock in the evening he went to the hotel where the Flicks sojourned and sent up his card. While waiting he paced back and forth in a terrible suspense. It seemed an age till he was summoned, though it was only ten minutes. Ushered into the apartment used for a reception room, he saw standing on a table the flowers he had sent and the box of candy. The box was empty.

"Come in here, marquis!" called the cheery voice of Miss Molly.

With visions of a private boudoir dancing in his head, Gaston entered the next room. He saw no one there.

"Why don't you come in?" came a voice from an adjoining room.

The marquis did as he had been bidden. Still he saw no one.

"This room," presently came the voice.

"Oh, mademoiselle, what is this pretty game you are playing? Where are you? Do you call to me from heaven?"

"I hope not. I don't want to go to heaven just yet. I'm in here."

Again the marquis entered another room, only to be led farther. Indeed, the rooms all communicated, and the girl led him in a circle till he stood again where he had started, in the reception room. He was very much chagrined at being forced to play this juvenile game for the amusement of Miss Flick, but he remembered that she was barely eighteen, and, if no French girl would have done the same, there was no French girl with an enormous fortune that he could marry. So he kept his temper and wore a perpetual smile, thinking that after all it was very droll.

"You're getting warm," came the girl's voice as he went hunting through the room.

"Very warm."

"Baking hot."

He went to a curtain hanging before a recess. He knew Miss Flick was behind it. How strange these Americans! He pulled aside the curtain and started back. A young man was with the girl.

"Game's up!" cried Molly. "Marquis, this is George Trimmingham, just come over to join us. He brought me this." And on the third finger of her left hand she displayed a ring. "The marquis has been awful nice to me, George; took me to the opera and lots of places. You'll show George around, won't you? He doesn't know anything about Paris. That's a dear old marquis."

The next morning Gaston went without his breakfast, and pool stock stood at zero. LOUISE C. FARRELL.

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Once Held an Important Part in the Councils of Nations.

No longer applicable is an old diplomat's advice to "take snuff often and slowly," yet according to the Hon. John W. Foster, author of "The Practice of Diplomacy," the time was when snuffboxes held an important part in the councils of nations. The present which the Spanish government tendered to General Pinckney in 1795 and which congress withheld from him was a gold snuffbox.

The British plenipotentiary who attended the conferences at the close of the Napoleonic wars received as presents twenty-four snuffboxes of the value of £1,000 each. Richly jeweled boxes were the diplomatic fashion a century and more ago, but the fashion has changed.

As a reminder of the olden time, Sir Charles Russell, afterward lord chief justice of England, the British senior counsel in the Bering sea arbitration at Paris in 1893, a great collector of historic snuffboxes, carried a precious one and was constantly offering its contents to his colleagues.

After the treaty of 1856 was concluded with Persia the American minister to Turkey, who signed it, wrote to the secretary of state:

"I would suggest the following present: A diamond snuffbox of the value of $4,000 for the shah; to Mirza Agbra Khan, the grand vizier, a diamond snuffbox to the value of $8,000; to Farrukh Khan, with whom the treaty was negotiated, another of the same value; to Mirza Ahmed Khan, the Persian charge at Constantinople, a diamond snuffbox to the value of $2,000."

He Knew Her.

The conductor looked at the thin man.

"Do you see that stout woman at the other end of the car, the one with the monkey hat?" he asked.

"I think I see the one you mean," the thin man responded.

"There, she's looking this way," said the conductor. "Well, sir, I admire that woman."

"You do?"

"Yes, I do. She may have a squint and wear bad fitting clothes and big shoes, yet I admire her."

"Why?"

"She knows how to get off a car the right way, and that's why. She's too stout, and her hair is ratty, and she hasn't any taste, but when she steps down from the back platform I never worry. I know she'll land all right. I'm dead sure she isn't going to sit down in the mud and ask me for my number. That's why I admire her. Here she comes now. Watch her when she gets off."

The stout woman came down the aisle and briskly descended to the street. And the conductor, with his hand on the bell rope, winked approvingly at the slim man.

Then the stout woman looked around. "Come, George," she called, and the slim man meekly followed her.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Loans and Discounts		$609,417 64
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Furniture and Fixtures		2,246 05
Cash on Hand and in Banks		110,136 21
Total		$731,799 90

Liabilities:

Capital Stock		$ 30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		50,792 99
Dividends Unpaid		7.50
Deposits subject to check	$511,257 46	
Demand Certificates of Deposits	139,741 95	650,999 41
Total		$731,799 90

I, F. W. Dick, Cashier of the above-named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1907.

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(In effect Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 1908.)

Daily except Sunday.

LEAVE.

Wilmington East Bound	Wrightsville Westbound	Wrightsville Beach Westbound
7:00 A. M.	6:25 A. M.	
8:30 A. M.	7:55 A. M.	7:45 A. M.
10:00 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:00 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	1:45 P. M.
3:00 P. M.	1:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
4:30 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
6:15 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	7:15 P. M.
8:00 P. M.	7:25 P. M.	9:15 P. M.
10:00 P. M.	9:25 P. M. 10.30 P. M.	

Sunday Schedule.

LEAVE.

Wilmington East Bound	Wrightsville Westbound	Wrightsville Beach Westbound
9:00 A. M.	9:55 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
10:00 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 A. M.
1:00 P. M.	1:55 P. M.	1:45 P. M.
2:30 P. M.	3:25 P. M.	3:15 P. M.
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6:15 P. M.	7:25 P. M.	7:15 P. M.
8:00 P. M.	9:25 P. M.	9:15 P. M.
10:00 P. M.	10:30 P. M.	

Freight Schedule.

Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (Daily except Sunday).

Freight received at 9th and Orange streets from 3:00 to 4:00 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE.

Cars will be operated between Front and Princess streets and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess from 6:50 A. M. until 9:50 P. M.

Leaving 17th and Market from 7:00 A. M. until 10:00 P. M. All suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE.
(Sundays.

Leave Front and Princess streets every 20 minutes from 8:30 A. M. until 9:50 P. M.

Leave Seventeenth and Market streets every 20 minutes from 8:40 A. M. until 10:00 P. M.

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On the trips leaving corner of Front and Princess streets at 2:30, 3:30, 5:10 and 7:10 P. M. daily except Sunday, the Carolina Place car will be run to the Golf Links. Sundays 9:30 A. M.

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WM. M. BELLAMY, Commissioner.

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Schedule in Effect January 5, 1908

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv Wilmington	9:00 am	7:05 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:46 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	3:35 am
Ar Norfolk	6:05 pm	
Ar Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:27 am
Ar Richmond	8:00 pm	6:10 am
Ar Washington	11:50 pm	9:55 am
Ar Baltimore	1:43 am	11:23 am
Ar Philadelphia	4:21 am	1:41 pm
Ar New York	7:23 am	4:13 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 43.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon	9:59 pm	11:30 am
Ar Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson	11:47 pm	1:59 pm
Ar Goldsboro	6:15 am	3:12 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:40 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN ILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 am
Ar Sav'n.	6:50 pm	2:59 am	9:54 am
Ar. J'k'ville		9:00 am	3:30 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:30 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
Lv. Charleston	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:34 pm	8:55 am
Ar Wilmington	12:55 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar. 8:15 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar. 4:55 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv. 3:40 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

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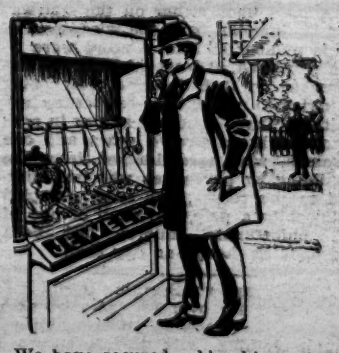

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 13.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market, nothing doing.

TAR—Market, nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.25 for dip and $3.25 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine 67 1-2c bid; rosin firm $3.80; tar quiet $2.50; crude turpentine, $3.35; $4.50 and $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	7
Rosin	61
Tar	24
Crude Turpentine	35

Receipts—Same day last year 28 casks spirits turpentine; 220 barrels rosin; 180 barrels tar; 95 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady at 11 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady 10 1-2 cents for middling.

Receipts—1,983 bales, same day last year 2,379.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 95c, extra prime $1.00; fancy $1.05 per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 70; fancy 75@80; Spanish 90c@$1.00.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides dull, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c. for large springs; growns, firm, 30@35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 24c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@10c. per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — $1.40@$1.50 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 13.—After quite a sharp early advance the cotton market lost the gain, closing steady net unchanged to 3 points higher. Sales were estimated at 200,000 bales.

The market opened firm at an advance of 9 to 15 points and after some irregularity showed a net gain of 15 to 17 points on the active months as a result of covering and local bull support which was encouraged by firm Liverpool cables, reports of strong Southern spot holders, better financial conditions and lighter receipts. Later the market eased off under realizing, local bear pressure and hedge selling, the latter following purchases in the South of last Saturday according to current report. The failure of a stock exchange house was probably a factor during the afternoon, while some attention was also attracted by reports that bankruptcy proceedings were involving cotton and cotton warehouses in some sections of the Western belt. At one time the active months were 1 to 3 points net lower, but there was a slight rally just before the close on covering. Private cables from Liverpool attributed the advance there to American buying. Exports for the day were fully 25,000 bales over the port receipts and New Orleans reported a good demand for spots. Houses with Liverpool connections were buyers here during the afternoon.

Receipts today, 37,223, at the ports against 50,305 last week and 81,625 last year. For the week 280,000 bales against 293,081 last week and 348,781 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 14,140 bales against 23,015 last year, and at Houston 4,338 bales against 14,541 last year.

Futures opened firm and closed steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
January	10.82	10.74
February	——	10.80
March	10.97	10.89
April	10.77	10.91
May	11.04	10.93
June	——	10.85
July	10.95	10.80
August	10.85	10.68
October	10.32	10.20

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Firm, 11 5-8; net receipts 9,654.

New Orleans—Firm, 11 3-4; net receipts 14,140.

Mobile—Firm, 11 5-16; net receipts 1,648.

Savannah—Steady, 10 7-8; net receipts 7,538.

Charleston—Steady, 10 7-8; net receipts 494.

Wilmington—Steady, 11; net receipts 1,983.

Norfolk—Steady, 11 1-2; net receipts 1,516.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 3-8.

New York—Steady, 11.55.

Boston—Steady, 11.55.

Philadelphia—Steady, 11.80; net receipts 151.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 37,723; Great Britain 47,365; Continent 25,667; stocks 965,924.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 84,017; Great Britain 85,815; Continent 59,529.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 5,544,212; Great Britain 1,858,419; France 510,688; Continent 1,853,371; Japan 90,884; Mexico 1,299.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 11 1-2; net receipts 4,328.

Augusta—Steady, 11 3-4; net receipts 815.

Memphis—Steady, 11 3-4; net receipts 2,893.

St. Louis—Steady, 11 3-4; net receipts 587.

Cincinnati, 11 3-4.

Louisville—Firm, 11 1-8; net receipts 1,279.

Little Rock—Steady, 11 1-8; net receipts 1,279.

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Total today—Net receipts 9,902; gross receipts 14,222; shipments 19,586; sales 3,170; stocks 193,230.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Jan. 13.—Cotton: Spot small business done, prices 10 points higher; American middling fair 6.92; good middling 6.56; middling 6.30; low middling 5.69; good ordinary 5.54; ordinary 5.04.

The sales of the day were 7,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 6,800 American. Receipts 24,000 bales, including 19,500 bales American.

Futures opened firm and closed steady. American middling G O C: January 5.86; January and February 5.86; February and March 5.86 1-2; March and April 5.87; April and May 5.87; May and June 5.86 1-2; June and July 5.85 1-2; July and August 5.82; August and September 5.72 1-2; September and October 5.62; October and November 5.52; November and December 5.50.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 13.—Money on call steady 4 to 6 per cent.; ruling rate 4 1-2; closing bid 4; offered at 4. Time loans easier, sixty days and ninety days, 6 per cent.; six months 5 1-2 to 6 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 6 3-4 to 7 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange soft with actual business in bankers bills at 4.85 to 4.8550 for demand and at 4.8130 to 4.8135 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.81 1-8. Bar silver 56 3-8. Mexican dollars 44 .

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 13.—It is not customary to await the actual occurrence of an expected event before taking action in the stock market to accord with the event. That fact was the main one illustrated by the action of stocks today in response to Saturday's disclosure of a restoration of a surplus over the legal reserve required of the clearing house banks. There was a considerable incursion of outside orders but most of the new outside buying orders were executed at the higher level of prices of the first hour of the day. That proved also the most active of the day and there was a notable lapse in the animation of the market after that. There was an effective rally again after the realizing sales were suspended. The profit-taking was conditioned with caution and skill, the selling not being pushed aggressively on the declines, but on any advance the volume of offerings was quick to swell again, while the heavy accretion of cash to the bank reserves revealed by the bank statement was accepted as assurance against further damage from money shortage for lending purposes, there was added consideration today to its significance as an index to shrinkage in the active employment of money in business. The heavy decreases in the country's bank clearings gave evidence in the same direction. Another feature of this tendency is the large offerings of national bank notes for current redemption at the United States treasury.

Railroad traffic officials corroborate the evidence of the bank clearings by their testimony to the continued shrinkage in the freight movement. This testimony had to do with the renewed weakness of bond issues of several companies which have been the subject of unfavorable rumors for some time past.

The selling to take profits was desisted from in the last hour of the day and United States Steel lead a strong rally in stocks.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $4,428,000. United States 4s registered declined 1-8 and the coupons 1-4 per cent. on call. Total sales today were 915,300 shares.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	104 1-4
U. S. refunding 2s cou	104 1-4
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg	119 1-2
U. S. new 4s cou	120 1-2
American Tobacco Co. 4s	64
American Tobacco Co 6s	99 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	88
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	98
L. & N. Unified 4s	96 1-2
Seaboard Air Line	55
Southern Railway 5s	90
U. S. Steel 5s	88

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	50 5-8
American Car Foundry	31 3-8
American Cotton Oil Co	34
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd	83@85
American Locomotive	36 3-4
American Smelting & Ref.	77 3-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	95
American Sugar Refining	112 1-4
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert.	77 1-4
Atchison	70 1-2
Atchison pfd	85
Atlantic Coast Line	72
Baltimore & Ohio	89
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	83
Chesapeake & Ohio	31
Kansas City Southern	23 7-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	51
L. & N.	93 1-4
New York Central	94
Norfolk & Western	64 1-2
Norfolk & Western pfd	84
Pennsylvania	114
People's Gas	87 1-4
Reading	107
Reading 2nd pfd	81
Rock Island Co.	14 1-2
Rock Island Co. pfd	28 1-2
Southern Pacific	75 3-4
Southern Pacific pfd	109
Southern Railway	11 1-4
Southern Railway pfd	33 1-2
Tenn., Coal & Iron	95
U. S. Steel	28 1-8
U. S. Steel pfd	93
Va-Car. Chemical	17 1-2
Va-Car. Chemical pfd	89@92
Seaboard Air Line	——
Seaboard Air Line pfd	——
Standard Oil	470
Western Union	60

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 13.—Flour—dull and unchanged.

Rye flour, Buckwheat and Corn meal—Steady.

Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 1.06 3-4 elevator. Options 1-2c net lower. May 1.12 1-8; July 1.06 1-8.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 75 nominal Options 1-4c net higher; May 69 1-4; July 69.

Oats—Spot quiet; mixed 53 1-2.

Lard—Easy; Western prime 7.95 to 8.00.

Pork—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3.40; centrifugal 96 test 3.90; molasses sugar 3.15. Refined—Quiet.

Coffee—Spot firm; Rio No. 7, 6 3-16; Santos No. 4, 8. Mild coffee—Steady; Cordova 9 1-2 to 12. Futures net unchanged to 10 points higher.

Butter and Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil was steady on speculative demand and absence of bear pressure. Prime 30 to 30 1-2; prime summer yellow 39; off summer yellow 37 1-2 to 38 1-2; good off summer yellow 37 to 38; prime white 40 to 42; prime winter yelloy 44 1-2 to 48.

Freights to Liverpool—Steady. Cotton by steam 18c, grain by steam 2 1-4d.

Peanuts—Quiet; fancy handpicked 5, other domestic 3 to 7.

Potatoes—Firm; Bermuda second crop per barrel 3.00 to 5.00; Long Island per barrel 2.25 to 2.50; Maine per sack 2.12 to 2.35; state and western per sack 1.90 to 2.15; Jersey per barrel 1.75 to 2.00; Jersey sweets per barrel 250 to 4.00.

Cabbage—Steady, red per ton $18 to $20 do barrel 1.125 to 1.50; Danish seed per ton $9 to 12; do domestic 6 to 7.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Wheat prices on the local exchange broke nearly two cents today owing to heavy sales by longs. At the close the May delivery showed a net loss of 1 to 1 1-8c. Corn was unchanged. Oats were 1-8 to 1-4 cent lower and provisions 10 to 12 1-2c lower.

Leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—May, 1.04 1-2 to 5-8; July, 98 5-8; September, 95 3-4.

Corn—May, 60; July, 58 7-8; September, 58 1-2.

Oats—May, old, 53 5-8; May, new, 51 7-8; July, old, 46 3-4 to 7-8; July, new, 45 1-4.

Mess pork, per barrel—January, 12.80; May, 13.32 1-2.

Lard, per 100 pounds—January, 7.72 1-2; May, 7.97 1-2.

Short ribs, per 100 pounds—January, 6.80; May 7.12 1-2.

Cash quotations wer as follows: Flour, steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 1.10 to 1.12; No. 3, 1.01 to 1.02; No. 2 red, 98 1-8 to 1.01; No. 2 corn, 58 1-2 to 59; No. 2 yellow, 60 1-2 to 61; No. 2 oats, 49 1-8; No. 3 white, 48 1-2 to 51; No. 2 rye, 82; fair to choice malting, 96 to 1.05; No. 1 northwestern, 1.21; prime timothy seed, 4.40; clover, contract grades, 17.00; short ribs, sides (loose), 6.62 1-2 to 7.00; mess pork, per barrel, 12.87 1-2 to 13.00; lard, per 100 pounds, 7.72 1-2; short clear sides (boxed), 7.00 to 7.37 1-2; whiskey, basis of high wines, 1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 13.—Rosin steady; turpentine steady at 54 1-2.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 13.—Turpentine, 52 1-2; sales, 385; receipts, 175; shipments, 185.

Rosin, firm; sales, 547; receipts, 1,649; shipments, 29; stocks 112,116. Quote: A. B. C. 3.05; E, 3.15; F, 3.15; G, 3.20; H, 3.25; I, 3.70; K, 4.65 to 4.70; M, 5.40 to 5.45; N, 5.65 to 5.70; WG, 5.90 to 5.95; WW, 5.90 to 5.95.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 13.—Turpentine and rosin nothing doing. Quotations omitted.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 13. 1908.

C. C. Railroad—166 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad—763 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—790 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 10 barrels rosin; 6 barrels tar; 24 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—132 bales cotton.

W. & N. Railroad—68 bales cotton.

Str. Whitlock—4 casks spirits turpentine; 26 barrels rosin.

Str. Duplin—64 bales cotton.

Schr. Geneva Moore—25 barrels rosin; 18 barrels tar; 11 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—1,983 bales cotton; 7 casks spirits turpentine; 61 barrels rosin; 24 barrels tar; 35 barrels crude turpentine.

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Daleby (Br.), 2,353 tons, Ramsey, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Arroyo (Br.), 2,307 tons, Plough, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Sierra Blanca (Br.) 2,338 tons, Gruchy Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Admiral (Br.), 83 tons, Pearce, Springer Coal Co.

Massachusetts, 437 tons, Lane, C. D. Maffitt.

Howard B. Peck, 448 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

Evelyn (Br.) 287 tons, Capt. Berry, C. D. Maffitt.

Venus, 194 tons, Parks, C. D. Maffitt.

Lejok, 297 tons, Cressey, C. D. Maffit.

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Council For The Defence Will Have His School Teachers Called as Witnesses.

WAS BORN AND BRED IN HIM

Murderer's Mother Telegraphs That She Will Leave Her Sick Bed in Pittsburg and be on Hand When Wanted.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 13.—The Thaw trial moved with a rush today. After the State had presented its direct case and Assistant District Attorney Garvan had characterized the killing of Stanford White as "a premeditated, deliberate and cowardly murder" Martin W. Littleton for the defense made the opening plea for the prisoner.

His promise of new evidence was sensational. Mr. Littleton promised to forge a chain of circumstances, and to produce a line of testimony which will prove Harry K. Thaw undeniably insane at the time of the homicide. Evidence of hereditary insanity and of strange, unusual acts of Thaw was told of by Mr. Littleton, who said that physicians and nurses who had attended Thaw were hurrying here from Europe; that teachers of the defendant in childhood would be on hand to give their impressions of "the wide-eyed, distant boy" In conclusion Mr. Littleton challenged the district attorney to produce a single reputable physician who would say that Thaw was not insane at the time he killed the noted architect.

Mr. Littleton startled the courtroom by declaring that after Evelyn Nesbit had told him her story in Paris in 1903 Thaw "drenched himself with a poison" and would have died but for the heroic work of three physicians who labored over him all of one night. When Mr. Littleton started to launch into the relations of Stanford White with the girl whom Thaw married, Mr. Jerome was on his feet with an objection.

Justice Dowling sustained him and the name of the architect was not linked again with that of the defendant's wife. Mr. Littleton touched but lightly upon the girl's story, as she told it to Thaw, but again drew an objection from the prosecution officer who said: "Mr. Littleton is now straying into a field of stuff which in my opinion will be excluded."

Again Justice Dowling sustained the objection.

Mr. Littleton spared neither Thaw nor his family in the recital of the defendant's life history. During the speech Thaw sat wide-eyed and pallid looking fixedly at his counsel. Toward the close he seemed rather displeased with something that was said. Mr. Littleton's speech was somewhat dramatic and impassioned at times and was keenly followed by the jury.

Thaw's ancestry, marked by decided lines of insanity on both the father's and mother's side, according to his chief counsel, was drawn with great care and then the defendant himself was pictured as irrational, erratic and insane as a boy, who oscillating between "star ship and madness, between brilliance and darkness," fought unavailingly against the fever of insanity which coursed in his blood at birth.

"I make no claims for this defendant above those of the average man as to morals, vices or virtues," declared Mr. Littleton, "But I say his life history is enough to free him from the charge that he was responsible for his act. Add to his history the heart-breaking episode of his love for the young woman who became his wife and of her recital to him of a story which, flashed to the four quarters of the globe, made all the world that reads stand still and wondtr, and I shall have no hesitancy in asking you if you have not a reasonable doubt as to whether he was sane the night of this deplorable tragedy. And upon that doubt I shall ask you for a verdict of not guilty."

Mr. Littleton told of a trip abroad taken by Thaw in 1899 when he was ill and insane at Rome, Monte Carlo and London, being under the care of physicians and nurses at these places and he declared he would procure these physicians and nurses as fars as possible to tell their story. Teachers who kept diaries about the strange child who sat in their classes also will come, he said, to tell the jury about the early life and tendencies of the defendant.

Describing the killing of White, Mr. Littleton said: "Thaw's madness, born and bred in him had been set on fire by the stories he had heard. He had gone to the district attorney with them and to Mr. Comstock. They ran in his head until staggering among chairs of Madison Square Garden—yet not drunk—his eyes burning like two great coals of fire, unable intelligently to answer questions put to him, maniacal in the last, lost as he was in Rome, in Monte Carlo, and in London—the blind confusion of insanity overcame him and he fired. The result was not a murder, the act of a madman who afterwards wild eyed and irrational, cried out in his cell that he heard the voices of little children calling and proclaimed that he had but acted as an agent of providence."

After his speech, Mr. Littleton was asked in what manner he would attempt to prove Thaw sane at the present time, if he offered such an accumulation of evidence as to progressive insanity up to the time of the killing. "I can only say that I will cross my bridges as I come to them. A man can't ride two horses going in opposite directions at the some time." he replied.

The outline of the defense was generally considered as reflecting a determination on the part of Thaw's attorneys to prove him insane in 1906, regardless of all consequences.

The first evidence for the defense probably of a medical character will be taken tomorrow morning.

Prior to the opening of court today A. Russell Peabody, attorney for Thaw, stated that no application for a commission to go to Pittsburg and take the testimony of Mrs. William Thaw will be made as the defendant's mother had telegraphed she would come to New York when needed.

Thaw was called to the bar promptly at 10 A. M. Within the next few minutes Assistant District Attorney Garvan began the ouline of the prosecution's case to the jury.

"The defense in this case," said Mr. Garvan, "is insanity. The material facts are admitted. Insanity, let me adjure you, is not to be defined by what you or I might think. It is not what physicians or metaphysicians may tell us, or what scientists or pseudo-scientists may describe. Insanity as we have to deal with it has been defined by the Legislature of the State of New York. The law is wiser than we are. We are sworn to obey it and live under it. That law says that the only person excused from criminal responsibility is he who is so deficient of reason that he does not know the nature or quality of his act or what the act is wrong. With this definition and this definition of the law alone, I ask you to judge of all the acts of this defendant the night of June, 1906, when he shot and killed Stanford White on the roof of Madison Square Garden."

Mr. Garvan dwelt at length upon the conversation Thaw had on the roof garden with James Clinch Smith, a brother-in-law of Stanford White. The conversation, he declared, was entirely sane, and was only just a few moments before the killing. Eight subjects, from Wall street to ocean travel were discussed, all in a normal way.

Walker H. Volkening, draughtsman was the first witness called. His diagram of the scene of the killing which the prosecution used throughout the first trial, was ntroduced. Mr. Littleton for the defense questioned him at length as to all the physical details of Madison Square Garden.

Immediately after the first witness had concluded his testimony, all witnesses except medical experts were excluded.

As the second witness for the prosecution Mr. Garvan examined James Clinch Smith, who last year testified in rebuttal.

Smith described the entry of Thaw and his party. With the defendant were Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, Thomas McCaleb and Truxton Beale. Mr. Smith repeated his conversation with Thaw, which began by the latter saying he could only get three seats on the roof and intended strolling himself. Thaw asked him if he was doing anything in Wall street and said he thought certain stocks were very good. He asked Smith if he was going abroad in the summer and discussed with him the accomodations of several well known steamers.

The witness described what he saw of the killing, saying he tried to get Thaw, but a fireman had thrown his arms about the defendant. Three shots were fired. The witness did not know until he had left the garden that the victim was his brother-in-law.

Mr. Smith's direct testimony was concluded in half an hour. The witness said on cross examination that Stanford White married his sister, but he did not see the architect very often.

Smith testified at one time that as soon as Thaw left him on the garden roof he looked in the direction where Stanford White sat. Later he said he did not know White was on the roof until some time after the shooting. Mr. Littleton demanded to know why the witness had sworn Thaw was looking at White when he did not know White was in the place. Mr. Smith shouted that he was testifying to the best of his ability and in view of subsequent eventh. After saying he had immediately formed a mental note as to where Thaw was looking the witness said later he had not reached that conclusion until after he knew who the victim was.

Warner Paxson, the engineer of Madison Square Garden an eye-witness to the tragedy, followed Mr. Smith on the stand. Paxson said that after Thaw was arrested he requested to be taken down in the elevator immediately. Going down Thaw said: "He ruined my wife."

Young Mrs. Thaw said: "Yes, Harry, but look at the fix you are in now." "Never mind dearie," Thaw replied, "I have probably saved your life."

On cross examination Paxson said he sat near the center aisle of the Garden all evening. He contradicted the testimony of Mr Smith as to Thaw's walkng impatiently up and down the aisles and into the balcony and declared he saw Thaw go up the aisle but once.

HE IS COMING AGAIN.

Sir Thomas Lipton Says He is Going to Make Another Attempt.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Colombo, Colon, Jan. 13.—Sir Thomas Lipton in an interview today said he had definitely decided to send another challenge for the America's Cup in September of this year. He hopes to receive an intimation that this challenge will be accepted, whereupon he will at once begin building the challenger yacht.

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SENATON DAVIS HAS BILL

House of Representatives Discusses State's Rights and Mr. Webb of North Carolina Introduced Bill to Limit.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 13.—The recent issue of bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of relieving the financial stringency was the subject of an animated debate in the Senate today.

The decision was precipitated by an inquiry by Senator Culberson and was participated in by Senators Aldrich, Tillman and Bailey.

It resulted in an agreement to postpone further controversy until a statement can be received from Secretary Cortelyou.

While the subject was under discussion Mr. Tillman's resolutions directing the Finance Committee to inquire into the operations of the Treasury Department was referred with his consent to that committee.

The Senate passed Senator Tillman's resolution calling on the Inter-State Commerce Commission for information concerning purchases by railroad companies of the stock of competing roads.

The unfinished business in the form of the bill to codify the criminal laws of the United States was placed before the Senate and the reading of the bill begun.

Senator Davis of Arkansas introduced a bill prohibiting the inter-state conveyance of information enabling parties to speculate in stocks or in future sales of products. It prevents telegraph companies and common-carriers from transmitting any data leading to purchases or sales on margins.

John H. Bankhead, of Alabama, who has been absent from Washington because of illness was sworn in as a United States Senator to succeed the late Senator Morgan.

Upon motion of Mr. Culberson Senator Bankhead was assigned to membership on the Foreign Commerce; Agriculture and Forestry, Postoffices and Post Roads, Public Lands, Privileges and Elections, Education and Labor, Transportation Routes to the Seaboard, Railroads, coast and insular survey, and Industrial Expositions Committees.

Senator Culberson started a dicussion by asking whether any reply had been received from the Secretary in response to the Senate resolution calling on the Secretary, for information regarding the recent bond issue.

Mr. Clay of Georgia wanted to know whether the Secretary was not required to make a report of these facts by law in response to which inquiry, Mr. Aldrich said he believed he was so required but there was no provisions of law stimpulating how the report should be made. He was sure, however, the information would be on hand Wednesday.

Mr. Culberson insisted that the duty of the Secretary under the law was to make such a statement on or before January 1 for the preceeding year, concerning deposits of public money.

Mr. Tillman referred to two resolutions by him which had remained on the calendar since December 9, calling for information concerning clearing house certificates and the bond issues and said he thought it would be best to let them go to the Committee on Finance. He said he wished to lay some correspondence on this subject before the committee, had read from the Vice President's desk a letter from George Kloebers of Wilmington, Del., stating that he had bid an average of 104 1-2 for $10,000 of Panama bonds and had not been awarded any of them although they had sold for 102 1-2.

Mr. Tillman wanted to know how it happened that the bonds had been sold to the banks at a lower price and denied to citizens who bid higher for them.

He also read a letter from Assistant Secretary J. H. Edwards of the Treasury Department to Mr. Kloeber's as follows:

"In reply to your inquiry of the 15th instant you are informed that individual bidders whose bids were greater than $10,000 were not allowed any bonus.

"He also read another letter from a correspondent in August, Ga., who wanted to know how it happened that the Secretary places 'vast currency in New York banks' to relieve the financial situation while those banks charge 1 1-4 per cent premium on this money to Southern banks.

"The stringency seems to be a source of profit to some one", Mr. Tillman's correspondent added.

"As some courts have been so glad to issue injunctions", Senator Bailey said, "I think they would glad of an opportunity in this case.

"I thinks this course on the part the Secretary all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the very purpose of issuing these bonds was to attract the money that was in hiding. You might attract it from places where citizens had it but not from the banks. A part of the understanding under which these bonds were issued was that 90 per cent. of the money received from their sale would be left on deposit with the banks. If that be true the banks received from the government interest, at the rate of 30 per cent. per annum.

"The government sold these bonds at 102 1-2 and deposits in the banks 90 per cent. of the purchase price so that the $10 paid on each bond actually drew the interest at the rate of 30 per cent. per annum. It was not intended that this money should be used for the Panama canal, buf it was to relieve the financial pressure. Under that plan with that profession on his lips the Secretary seems to have declined the money which indivdual citizens were willing to take from their trunks or other places of hiding and turned the bonds over to the banks at 30 per cent. per annum.

"I think this discussion is more or less premature," said Mr. Aldrich.

Mr. Tillman said that it was premature in view of the letters he had had read, but said he would wait for Secretary Cortelyou's reply.

Mr. Tillman's resolutions were then referred to the committee on finance.

In the House.

Vigorous defence of States rights in dealing with violations of civil rights or with special State elections where troops are called into service served to enliven the debate in the House of Representatives in connection with the consideration of the bill to codify the penal laws in the United States. A number of Democrats mostly from the Southern States strenuously sought by amendment to reserve to the States themselves discretion as to the qualifiacations of voters or of persons to serve on juries and to limit the powers of Federal Judges in certain cases, but every attempt failed. The Republicans presented a solid front and the votes all were on party lines.

The bill was still under consideration when at 5:02 P. M., the House adjourned.

When debate on the bill was resumed in the House today Mr. DeArmond of Missouri, expressed the view that the powers given to Federal Judges in certain cases should be curbed. He said he favored giving them just as little opition and just as little absolute power as possible. He then offered an amendment to section 22 of the bill relating to conspiracies to intimidate government officers by charging the fine to not "less" than sixty years or both. The original provision calls for a fine of not "more" than $5,000 and not "more" than six years imprisonment.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, opposed the amendment and it was lost. Thereupon Mr. Williams moved to strike out the whole section remarking that it was another relic of reconstruction days and was put on the statute books to meet the Ku Klux conditions of those days. Ku Kluxism had passed and he thought the statute should have passed with it. The motion was lost 114 to 129.

Mr. DeArmound then sought to amend by fixing the fine at not more than one thousand dollars instead of five thousand dollars and not more than one year's imprisonment instead of sixty years. This amendment likewise was lost 107 to 118.

Section 21 on motion of Mr. Webb, of North Carolina was amended so as to limit the punishment therein prescribed to persons who "wilfully" subject inhabitants of any State or Territory to the deprivation of any rights guaranteed under the constitution or laws of the United States or to peculiar punishments because such inhibitant is an alien, or because of his color or race.

Taunting the Democrats with their slogan "equal rights for all, special privileges for none," Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, inquired as to this. He spoke of the popularity and of the ability of Mr. Williams to adorn the Senate and yet he said that that gentleman had only triumphed by a small margin over Governor Vardaman, "who made his campaign upon the proposition of repealing the constitutional amendments and taking from a large class of citizens all of the rights of their citizenship."

Mr. Hepburn declared that as long as that spirit lived he wanted the letter of the law to live.

Mr. Williams said that gentleman was mistaken in his understanding in the cause of his reduced majority in the Senatorial race. Nobody in Mississippi, he said, had any idea that Governor Vardaman could repeal the fifteenth amendment to the constitution but Governor Vardaman's strong race was because of his popularity in the State, his personality and his good record as Governor.

Mr. Williams asserted that no one should attempt to make it appear that Federal legislation should fix the qualifications of a jury in a State court. He had never stood for the idea and he never would.

After Messrs. Hardy, Texas; Houston, Tennessee, and Bartlett, Georgia, had spoken in favor of Mr. Bartlett's motion, Mr. Driscoll of New York, assailed the Democrats for attempting to take away from the negro his rights as a citizen.

The motion was lost as was also a motion by Mr. Hardy to strike out the whole section.

An amendment by Mr. Webb of North Carolina, to prevent the presence of Federal troops at private State elections, except when they are called for by the legislature or the Governor of the State, provoked a triangular discussion which was participated in by Mr. Webb and Mr. Man of Illinois, who opposed the amendment and Mr. Cockran of Tennessee. Mr. Mann asserted that the amendment was partisan but Mr. Webb declared he was acting in good faith.

A tinge of picturesqueness was given the debate when the venerable former speaker J. Warren Keifer of Ohio rose and pitted his opposition to Mr. Webb, one of the youngest members of the House who had just sat down. The amendment was lost.

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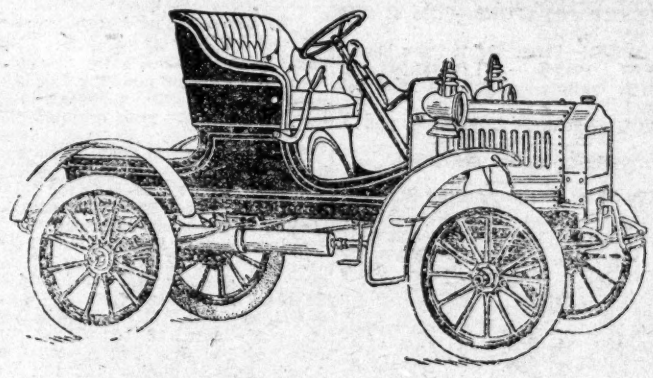

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